

Ref: FOI/00365/CMICB
18 May 2023

Dear,

**Re: Freedom of Information Act 2000
GP Retention Scheme Spending**

Thank you for your information request indicated in bold below, which has now been considered under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 by NHS Cheshire & Merseyside Integrated Care Board (ICB). I can provide you with the following information and responses.

Your Request:

1) For the financial year 2022/23 (or financial year 2021/22, if full accounts for 2022/23 are not available), spending on activity related to each of the following GP retention/support programmes in this ICS:

- a) National GP Retention Scheme**
- b) New to Practice Fellowships Scheme**
- c) Supporting Mentors Scheme**
- d) Local GP Retention Schemes**
- e) New to Partnership Payments Scheme**
- f) Flexible Staff Pools Scheme**
- g) ICS Level Training Hubs**

Our Response:

1a) Information not held. National GP Retention Scheme is provided by NHS England*.

1b) Information not held. New Practice Fellowship Scheme is provided by NHS England*.

1c) Total spend on Supporting Mentors Scheme across the ICB area during the 2022/23 financial year was £391,000.

1d) Please find listed below the spend by each former CCG area (now 'Place') during the 2022/23 financial year on local GP Retention Schemes:

Place	Local GP Retention
Cheshire East	£97,780
Cheshire West	£92,827
Halton	£34,601
Knowsley	£47,735
Liverpool	£155,783
Sefton	£74,051
St Helens	£53,406
Warrington	£52,457
Wirral	£92,359
Total	£701,000

1e) Information not held. New to Partnership Payments Scheme is provided by NHS England*.

1f) Please find listed below the spend by each former CCG area (now 'Place') during the 2022/23 financial year on Digital Pools:

Place	Digital Pools
Cheshire East	£16,738
Cheshire West	£15,890
Halton	£5,923
Knowsley	£8,171
Liverpool	£26,668
Sefton	£12,676
St Helens	£9,142
Warrington	£8,980
Wirral	£15,810
Total	£120,000

1g) Total spend on ICS Level Training Hubs across the ICB area during the 2022/23 financial year was £559,000.

Your Request:

2) For the same year, the number of individual staff members supported for each of the above programmes in this ICS;

Our Response:

2) Information not held detailing the number of staff supported by the above listed programmes.

Your Request:

3) For the year 2023/24, the ICS's indicative funding allocations for each of the above programmes.

Our Response:

3) Information not held on indicative funding allocated for 2023/24 financial year for the above listed programmes, as this has not yet been determined.

*You may wish to redirect your request for this information to NHS England, who can be contacted for Freedom of Information requests via: england.contactus@nhs.net

Should you require any further information or clarification regarding this response or do not feel that your request has been answered as you would expect, please contact us to discuss.

We also wish to take this opportunity to inform you that, where you are not satisfied with the response to your request for information, a formal complaints and internal review process is available.

This can be formally requested by emailing foi@cheshireandmerseyside.nhs.uk and must be done within a reasonable time period (3 calendar months) from the date this response was issued.

Where you remain dissatisfied with our review under the Freedom of Information Act or the Environmental Information Regulations, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioners Office (ICO) for a review of your appeal decision. Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted our complaints procedure. The ICO can be contacted at;

*The Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
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Should you need any further clarification or assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us quoting the above FOI reference.