

Ref: FOI/00442/CMICB
05 July 2023

Dear,

**Re: Freedom of Information Act 2000
Ward Closures / Openings**

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 am able to provide you with the following information and responses.

Please note from 01 July 2022, Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) were disestablished, and their statutory functions and responsibilities inherited by NHS Cheshire and Merseyside ICB.

Your Request:

In the last 10 years, considering the 'footprint' of the Cheshire and Merseyside ICB, please answer the following questions

- 1) How many wards have been closed in total and in mental health wards?**
- 2) Name those which have been closed and tell me their names, where they were located and their purpose - adult, old age, child /adolescent, forensic, mental health, surgical, cancer etc... How many beds have been lost in each?**
- 3) How many new wards have been opened in this time? Where? What are their names and purpose? And how many beds are available in each?**

Our Response:

1 – 3) Information/documents not held that specifically detail the total number of general and mental health wards that have closed/opened in each of the former CCG areas now covered by NHS Cheshire & Merseyside ICB over the last ten years.

You may wish to redirect your request for this information to the NHS Trust organisations across NHS Cheshire & Merseyside ICB's geographical area who are responsible for providing and managing inpatient general/mental health wards and which are listed below along with their contact details for Freedom of Information request:

NHS Provider Trust Name	FOI Email Address
<i>Alder Hey Children's Hospital NHS Foundation Trust</i>	FOIRequests@alderhey.nhs.uk
<i>Bridgewater Community Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust</i>	bchft.foi@nhs.net
<i>Cheshire & Wirral Partnership NHS Foundation Trust</i>	cwp.foi@nhs.net
<i>The Clatterbridge Cancer Centre NHS Foundation Trust</i>	ccf-tr.foi@nhs.net
<i>Countess of Chester NHS Foundation Trust</i>	foi.enquiries@coch.nhs.uk
<i>East Cheshire NHS Trust</i>	ecn-tr.foirequests@nhs.net
<i>Liverpool Heart and Chest Hospital NHS Trust</i>	FOIRequests@lhch.nhs.uk
<i>Liverpool University Hospital NHS Foundation Trust</i>	FOIRequests@liverpoolft.nhs.uk
<i>Liverpool Women's NHS Foundation Trust</i>	FOI@lwh.nhs.uk
<i>Mersey Care NHS Foundation Trust</i>	FOI@merseycare.nhs.uk
<i>Mid Cheshire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust</i>	foi.foi@mcht.nhs.uk
<i>Southport & Ormskirk Hospital NHS Trust</i>	soh-tr.foi@nhs.net
<i>St Helens and Knowsley Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust</i>	foirequests@sthk.nhs.uk
<i>The Clatterbridge Cancer Centre NHS Foundation Trust</i>	ccf-tr.foi@nhs.net
<i>The Walton Centre NHS Foundation Trust</i>	enquiries@thewaltoncentre.nhs.uk
<i>Warrington & Halton Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust</i>	WHH.FOI@nhs.net
<i>Wirral Community NHS Foundation Trust</i>	wcnt.foi@nhs.net
<i>Wirral University Teaching Hospital NHS Foundation Trust</i>	wih-tr.AccessstoInformationOffice@nhs.net

Additionally general/acute and mental health hospital bed availability data for the past ten years is also publicly available on the NHS England website via the following link: <https://www.england.nhs.uk/statistics/statistical-work-areas/bed-availability-and-occupancy/bed-data-overnight/>

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
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