

Ref: FOI/00487/CMICB  
03 August 2023

Dear,

**Re: Freedom of Information Act 2000  
A&E Departments Which Have Been Downgraded or Shut Down Since  
2010**

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.

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:**

**1) All hospitals A&E/emergency departments/urgent care services in the NHS Cheshire and Merseyside ICB area as of May 2010**

**a) While I understand that ICBs only came into existence last year, and their precursor CCGs were created in 2012, hopefully retained archival data from the former Primary Care Trusts should be able to help.**

**b) If it is not possible to access this information as far back as May 2010, can you please provide this information for as early as possible and please state the selected date**

**2) The NHS trust and ICB they are under**

**3) Location of the service/hospital – e.g. town or village**

**4) The type of emergency/urgent care provision that was provided at the hospital in May 2010 (e.g. major A&E, minor injuries, urgent care centre, etc.)**

**5) The type of provision that is provided there today**

**6) Whether or not each department has been ‘downgraded’, ‘upgraded’, had no change, or been shut down entirely, or if it is a brand-new service (A downgrade means a reduction in provision, i.e. if a major A&E unit became an urgent care centre, an upgrade is the opposite)**

**7) Note: Please include new emergency departments created since May 2010 where no provision had existed before, and mark these N/A or ‘Did not exist’ – under the downgrade/upgrade column this could be classified as new department**

**Our Response:**

1 – 7) Please find listed below the current provision of Accident & Emergency departments in each of the former CCG areas that now make up NHS Cheshire & Merseyside ICB. NHS Cheshire & Merseyside ICB does not hold any documents specifically detailing the provision of A&E departments as of May 2010. However, you may wish to redirect your request for information on any changes to these services to the NHS Trusts operating the A&E departments listed below\*.

**Cheshire**

- Accident & Emergency Department, provided by *East Cheshire NHS Trust* and located at: Macclesfield District General Hospital, Victoria Rd, Macclesfield SK10 3BL. No known change to this service provision since 2010.

- Emergency Department provided by *Mid Cheshire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust* and located at: Leighton Hospital, Leighton Hospital, Middlewich Rd, Crewe CW1 4QJ. No known change to this service provision since 2010.

- Accident & Emergency Department, provided by *Countess of Chester Hospital NHS Foundation Trust* and located at: Countess of Chester Hospital, Liverpool Road, Chester, CH2 1UL. No known change to this service provision since 2010.

**Halton / Warrington**

- Accident & Emergency Department, provided by *Warrington and Halton Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust* and located at: Warrington Hospital, Lovely Lane, Warrington, WA5 1QG. No known change to this service provision since 2010.

**Knowsley**

- Whiston Accident & Emergency Department, provided by *St Helens & Knowsley Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust\** and located at: Whiston Hospital, Warrington Rd, Rainhill, Prescot L35 5DR. No known change to this service provision since 2010.

**Liverpool**

- Alder Hey Hospital Emergency Department, provided by *Alder Hey Children’s NHS Foundation Trust\** and located at: Alder Hey Children’s Hospital, Prescot Road, Liverpool, L12 2AP. No known change to this service provision since 2010.

- Royal Liverpool Emergency Department, provided by *Liverpool University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust\**, and located at: The Royal Liverpool University Hospital, Mount Vernon Street, Liverpool, L7 8YE. No known change to this service provision since 2010.

### **Sefton**

- Southport Accident & Emergency Department, provided by *Southport & Ormskirk Hospital NHS Trust\** and located at: Southport and Formby District General Hospital, Town Lane, Southport, PR8 6PN. No known change to this service provision since 2010.

- Aintree Accident & Emergency Department, provided by *Liverpool University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust\** and located at: Aintree University Hospital, Longmoor Lane, Liverpool, L9 7AL. No known change to this service provision since 2010.

- Ormskirk Paediatric Accident & Emergency Department, provided by *Southport & Ormskirk Hospital NHS Trust\** and located at: Ormskirk District General Hospital, Dicconson Way, Wigan Road, Ormskirk, L39 2AZ. No known change to this service provision since 2010.

### **St Helens**

- Emergency Department, provided by *St Helens and Knowsley Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust\** and located at: Whiston Hospital, Warrington Road, Rainhill, Prescott, L35 5DR. No known change to this service provision since 2010.

### **Wirral**

- Emergency Department, provided by Wirral University Hospital NHS Foundation Trust and located at: Arrowe Park Hospital, Arrowe Park Road, Wirral, CH49 5PE. No known change to this service provision since 2010.

\*Please find detailed below the providers of the above listed Accident & Emergency Department services, along with their contact details for Freedom of Information requests, should you wish to redirect your request for information about any changes to the service provisions:

- *East Cheshire NHS Trust*  
[ecn-tr.foirequests@nhs.net](mailto:ecn-tr.foirequests@nhs.net)

- *Mid Cheshire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust*  
[foi.foi@mcht.nhs.uk](mailto:foi.foi@mcht.nhs.uk)

- *Countess of Chester Hospital NHS Foundation Trust*  
[foi.enquiries@coch.nhs.uk](mailto:foi.enquiries@coch.nhs.uk)

- *St Helens & Knowsley Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust*  
[foirequests@sthk.nhs.uk](mailto:foirequests@sthk.nhs.uk)

- *Alder Hey Children's NHS Foundation Trust*  
[FOIRequests@alderhey.nhs.uk](mailto:FOIRequests@alderhey.nhs.uk)
- *Liverpool University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust*  
[FOI@lwh.nhs.uk](mailto:FOI@lwh.nhs.uk)
- *Southport & Ormskirk Hospital NHS Trust*  
[soh-tr.foi@nhs.net](mailto:soh-tr.foi@nhs.net)
- *Warrington and Halton Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust*  
[WHH.FOI@nhs.net](mailto:WHH.FOI@nhs.net)
- *Wirral University Teaching Hospital NHS Foundation Trust*  
[wih-tr.AccessToInformationOffice@nhs.net](mailto:wih-tr.AccessToInformationOffice@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](mailto: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*  
*Water Lane*  
*Wilmslow*  
*Cheshire*  
*SK9 5AF*  
[www.ico.gov.uk](http://www.ico.gov.uk)

Should you need any further clarification or assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us quoting the above FOI reference.