

Ref: FOI/00378/CMICB  
23 May 2023

Dear

**Re: Freedom of Information Act 2000  
ICB Contract Procurements**

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:**

**Please send the following information relating to all contracts active during Financial Year 2023/24 procured under either:**

- 1) Common Procurement Vocabulary (CPV) codes 85000000 (Health and social work services) and 98000000 (Other community, social and personal services), and/or**
- 2) ProClass Classification codes ranging from 32100 to 40999 (Level 1 Social Community Care)**

**I require for each contract:**

- a) The name of the contract**
- b) A brief description of the contract**
- c) The value of the contract per annum**
- d) The start date of the contract**
- e) The end date of the contract including any extension opportunity**
- f) The awarded contract provider**
- g) Any contract breaches during the course of the current contract**

**Our Response:**

1 – 2) NHS Cheshire & Merseyside ICB currently has no active procurement adverts for the 2023/24 financial year for contracts with the above requested CPV codes.

## Your Request:

I specifically wish to ensure all contracts are included that the Local Authority Commissions for:

- 3) Hospital Discharge services
- 4) Adult and Young Carers Information Advice Guidance services
- 5) Carers Respite Break services
- 6) Carers Grants provision

If any of these are not commissioned by the ICB, can you explain how this provision(s) is supported in the local area?

## Our Response:

NHS Cheshire & Merseyside ICB does not hold information on the Local Authority contracts commissioned for the above listed services during the 2023/24 financial year\*. However, please find listed below the information held relating to NHS Cheshire & Merseyside ICB contracts for the above listed service areas during the 2023/24 financial year:

### 3)

A) Hospital Discharge Services						
Place	Service Description	Provider	Start date	End date	Extension	Value (£)
Knowsley	CHC Reviews and Discharge to assess reviews	Farley Dwek Solicitors Ltd	01/04/2023	31/03/2024	No	389,000
Liverpool	Integrated Discharge Team Whiston	Liverpool City Council	01/04/2023	31/03/2024	No	101,000
Southport & Formby	Discharge to Assess	NHS Midlands and Lancashire Commissioning Support Unit	01/04/2023	31/03/2024	No	182,000
St Helens	Assessments equipment for patients awaiting hospital discharge	Personal Care Consultants Ltd	01/04/2023	31/03/2024	No	13,000

### 4)

B) Adult and Young Carers Information Advice Guidance services						
Place	Service Description	Provider	Start date	End date	Extension	Value (£)
Liverpool	Information communication support services	Mersey Care NHS Foundation Trust	01/04/2023	31/03/2024	No	3,000
Cheshire	Young Carers	Carers Trust 4 All	01/04/2023	31/03/2024	No	32,000
Liverpool	Support for Carers and People with Care Needs (CHC)	Crossroads Care CMM Ltd	01/04/2023	31/03/2024	No	132,000
Liverpool	Support for Carers	Liverpool City Council	01/04/2023	31/03/2024	No	323,000
South Sefton	CARERS SUPPORT SERVICE	Sefton Carers Centre	01/04/2023	31/03/2024	No	71,000
Southport & Formby	CARERS SUPPORT SERVICE	Sefton Carers Centre	01/04/2023	31/03/2024	No	56,000

### 5)

C) Carers Respite Break services						
Place	Service Description	Provider	Start date	End date	Extension	Value (£)
Halton	Respite Care	Claire House Children's Hospice	01/04/2023	31/03/2024	No	28,000
Knowsley	End of Life Care & Emergency Respite	Claire House Children's Hospice	01/04/2023	31/03/2024	No	34,000
Warrington	Respite Care	Claire House Children's Hospice	01/04/2023	31/03/2024	No	35,000
Wirral	Children's Emergency Respite Service & Hospice t	Claire House Children's Hospice	01/04/2023	31/03/2024	No	239,000
Wirral	Continuing Healthcare - respite charity	Revitalise Respite Holidays	01/04/2023	31/03/2024	No	7,000

6) None identified.

**Your Request:**

**7) Which tendering portal the ICB uses to publish contract opportunities, and**

**Our Response:**

7) NHS Cheshire & Merseyside ICB does not have a tendering portal directly, but instead utilises the services of NHS Midlands and Lancashire Commissioning Support Unit, who use Atamis as their e-tender portal. Tender opportunities are electronically published on Contracts Finder and Find a Tender Service portals.

**Your Request:**

**8) The web address for the ICB's public contract register**

**Our Response:**

8) NHS Cheshire & Merseyside ICB does not have a 'public contract register'. However, NHS Cheshire & Merseyside ICB's procurement decision register is published on the procurement and contracting section of our website via the following link: <https://www.cheshireandmerseyside.nhs.uk/about/how-we-work/procurement-and-contracting/>

\*You may wish to redirect your request for this information to the Local Authorities operating in NHS Cheshire & Merseyside ICB's geographical area, which are listed below along with their contact details for Freedom of Information requests:

- *Cheshire East Council*  
[foi@cheshireeast.gov.uk](mailto:foi@cheshireeast.gov.uk)

- *Cheshire West and Chester Council*  
[foi@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk](mailto:foi@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk)

- *Halton Borough Council*  
[hdl@halton.gov.uk](mailto:hdl@halton.gov.uk)

- *Knowsley Council*  
[foi@knowsley.gov.uk](mailto:foi@knowsley.gov.uk)

- *Liverpool City Council*  
[informationrequests@liverpool.gov.uk](mailto:informationrequests@liverpool.gov.uk)

- *Sefton Council*  
[ino.information@sefton.gov.uk](mailto:ino.information@sefton.gov.uk)

- *St Helens Borough Council*  
[www.sthelens.gov.uk/article/6525/Raise-a-Freedom-of-Information-request](http://www.sthelens.gov.uk/article/6525/Raise-a-Freedom-of-Information-request)

- *Warrington Borough Council*  
[foi@warrington.gov.uk](mailto:foi@warrington.gov.uk)

- *Wirral Council*  
[ww3.wirral.gov.uk/crmservicerequests/scripts/ServiceRequestMain.asp](http://ww3.wirral.gov.uk/crmservicerequests/scripts/ServiceRequestMain.asp)

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.