

Ref: FOI/00372/CMICB
24 May 2023

Dear

**Re: Freedom of Information Act 2000
Tier 4 CAMHS & Digital Children's Mental Health**

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) Please provide a list of CAMHS tier 4 services your ICS uses including for the last 3 calendar years (financial year if that is easier): Spend on tier 4 camhs services including:**
 - a) Provider (including facility and location)**
 - b) Year**
 - c) Spend in £ value**
 - d) Number of placements with this provider**
 - e) Out of area placements vs in area placements**

Our Response:

1a – e) Information not held. Please note that NHS England are the responsible commissioner for Child and Adolescent Mental Health (CAMHS) Tier 4 inpatient services, and can be contacted for Freedom of Information requests via: england.contactus@nhs.net

Your Request:

- 2) Than additionally the spend on any digital children's mental health services including:**
 - a) Provider (e.g. IESO, Kuth etc)**
 - b) Placements**
 - c) Spend in £ value**
 - d) Number of children the provider provided their services to**

Our Response:

Please find listed below the information held regarding digital children's mental health services commissioned in each of the former CCG areas that now make up NHS Cheshire & Merseyside ICB:

Cheshire

2a) Kooth Digital Health Ltd.

2b - d) Information not held on contract start end dates, spend or number of children who have accessed this service. Please be advised that the contract with Kooth Digital Health Ltd is managed the local authorities (Cheshire East Council and Cheshire West & Chester Council). You may therefore wish to redirect your request for this information to these two local authorities, who can be contacted for Freedom of Information requests via the below details:

- *Cheshire East Council*
foi@cheshireeast.gov.uk

- *Cheshire West & Chester Council*
foi@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk

Halton

2a) Kooth Digital Health Ltd.

2b - d) Information not held on contract start end dates, spend or number of children who have accessed this service. Please be advised that the contract with Kooth Digital Health Ltd is managed by Mersey Care NHS Foundation Trust who can be contacted for Freedom of Information requests via:

FOI@merseycare.nhs.uk

Knowsley

2) Information not held. You may wish to redirect your request for this information to Knowsley Council, who can be contacted for Freedom of Information requests via: foi@knowsley.gov.uk

Liverpool

Provider (a)	Dates (b)	Spend (£) (c)	Children Supported (d)*
Kooth Digital Health Ltd	01/04/2020 – 31/03/2021	139,000	2,839
	01/04/2021 – 31/03/2022	174,364	4,217
	01/04/2022 – 31/03/2023	250,552	2,768

Kooth Digital Health Ltd is commissioned in Liverpool on the basis of worker hours rather than number of children, so the table above has been completed with the actual number of individual children and young people supported by the service during each year. Quarter 3 forecast has been used for the 2022/23 financial year, as the Quarter 4 position not yet available.

Sefton

2a) Kooth Digital Health Ltd.

2b - d) Information not held on contract start end dates and number of children who have accessed this service. Please be advised that the contract with Kooth Digital Health Ltd is managed by the local authority (Sefton Council) as part of a joint funded service with Sefton Place funding £33,000 per annum towards this. You may therefore wish to redirect your request for this information to Sefton Council, who can be contacted for Freedom of Information requests via: ino.information@sefton.gov.uk

St Helens

2a) Kooth Digital Health Ltd.

2b) 01 April 2020 to 31 March 2023.

2c) Annual cost is £70,000 per annum.

2d) Service does not cap the number of children and young people that can access the service. Instead, it is commissioned based on 1,320 worker hours per annum.

Warrington

2a) Kooth Digital Health Ltd.

2b - d) Information not held on contract start end dates, spend or number of children who have accessed this service. Please be advised that the contract with Kooth Digital Health Ltd is managed by Mersey Care NHS Foundation Trust who can be contacted for Freedom of Information requests via: FOI@merseycare.nhs.uk

Wirral

2a) Kooth Digital Health Ltd.

2b - d) Information not held on contract start end dates, spend or number of children who have accessed this service. Please be advised that the contract with Kooth Digital Health Ltd is managed by Public Health via the local authority (Wirral Council). You may therefore wish to redirect your request for this information to Wirral Council, who can be contacted for Freedom of Information requests via: 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 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

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