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**Re: Freedom of Information Act 2000
Obesity Treatment Pathway**

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:

- 1) Does Cheshire and Merseyside ICS have an obesity treatment pathway for patients, and please could you share a copy of this policy?**

Our Response:

- 1) NHS Cheshire & Merseyside ICB does not have a specific obesity treatment pathway for patients.

Your Request:

- 2) If Cheshire and Merseyside ICS does not currently have an obesity treatment pathway, has Cheshire and Merseyside ICS held meetings regarding the development of an obesity strategy and:**

(a) Please could you share the minutes related to these meetings?

(b) Please could you share an anticipated timeline for development, delivery and implementation of an obesity treatment pathway at Cheshire and Merseyside ICS?

Our Response:

- 2a - b) NHS Cheshire & Merseyside ICB has not held any meetings regarding the development of an obesity strategy and does not hold information regarding an anticipated timeline for development of an obesity treatment pathway.

For information, please find listed below links to the *Cheshire and Merseyside Health and Care Partnership (ICP) Interim Strategy* which details 'Addressing Overweight and Obesity' on page 29, and a link to the Cheshire & Merseyside Cancer Alliance's *Strategic Overweight and Obesity Project*.

Cheshire and Merseyside Health and Care Partnership (ICP) Interim Strategy
<https://www.cheshireandmerseyside.nhs.uk/media/hxqpdrot/cheshire-merseyside-draft-interim-hcp-strategy-2023.pdf>

Strategic Overweight and Obesity Project
<https://www.cmcanceralliance.nhs.uk/work/prevention-early-diagnosis/cmca-whole-system-strategic-overweight-and-obesity-project>

Your Request:

3) Which individual at Cheshire and Merseyside ICS holds the senior responsible officer role for the development, delivery and implementation of an obesity treatment pathway at Cheshire and Merseyside ICS?

Our Response:

3) NHS Cheshire & Merseyside ICB does not have a individual identified as the senior responsible officer specifically for the development of an obesity treatment pathway. However, Professor Ian Ashworth, Director of Public Health at Cheshire West and Chester Council, is the senior responsible officer for the overall Population Health Programme across the Cheshire & Merseyside Integrated Care System.

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;

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