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You previously asked:

- 1) List of all Contracts and amounts paid between Liverpool CCG and Brownlow GP practice from 2019 and transfer of commissioning by ICB**
- 2) List of all contracts and amounts paid between ICB and Brownlow since ICB established**

Our Previous Response:

1 – 2) Please find enclosed 'FOI260 Table' which details the contracts held and the total amount paid by the former NHS Liverpool CCG and NHS Cheshire & Merseyside ICB to Brownlow GP Practice (Brownlow Health Central at Pembroke Place/Ropewalks/Student Health) for the financial years 2019/20 to 2022/23.

Your review request:

This part of the request may have needed more specific wording. When requesting the contracts I actually meant a copy of each contract for the service the money was paid for.

Our Review Response:

NHS Cheshire & Merseyside ICB (and the former NHS Liverpool CCG) use the Standard General Medical Services (GMS) contract in terms of the services contracted from Brownlow GP Practice. A copy of the GMS contract template is publicly available on NHS England's website via the following link:

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/publication/standard-general-medical-services-contract-23-24/>

NHS Cheshire & Merseyside ICB does hold a copy of the signed GMS contract with Brownlow GP Practice. However, NHS Cheshire & Merseyside ICB considers copies of actual signed contracts to be commercially sensitive. As a result, NHS Cheshire & Merseyside ICB is unable to provide you with copies of the actual APMS contracts held with GP Practices under Section 43: 'Trade Secrets and Prejudice to Commercial Interests' of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

On applying the Public Interest Test, NHS Cheshire & Merseyside ICB believes that release of this signed contract into the public domain would, or is likely to, significantly prejudice the commercial interests of the GP Practice as an independent provider commissioned to deliver NHS services. However, if there is any particular information you wish to request that may be contained within this signed GMS contract, please let us know and we will be happy to look at providing you with details of this information under the Freedom of Information Act.

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You previously asked:

4) Number of patients with ethnicity breakdown

Our Previous Response:

4) Based on the data held by NHS Cheshire & Merseyside ICB, there are 53,329 (96%) patients registered at Brownlow Health Central GP Practice with their ethnicity recorded. However, NHS Cheshire & Merseyside ICB does not hold the information on what the ethnicity breakdown is of these patients registered with Brownlow Health Central GP Practice.*

**You may wish to redirect your request for this information to Brownlow Health Central GP Practice who would hold this information. The contact details for Brownlow Health Central GP Practice are available on their website via the following link: <https://central.brownlowhealth.co.uk/>*

Your review request:

Doesn't the ICB request this information from the Practice for monitoring purposes and if not how do you work out what services you need to commission.

Our Review Response:

NHS Cheshire & Merseyside ICB does have access to data across all member GP Practices against the national ethnicity key performance indicator which was listed in our previous response for Brownlow GP Practice. As advised in our previous response, a breakdown of the ethnicity specifically for patients registered with Brownlow GP Practice would be held by the practice and requests for this information can be directed to the practice itself via the contact details provided in our previous response.

NHS Cheshire & Merseyside ICB would request population health information, such as ethnicity breakdown by GP Practice, in instances where this was relevant in terms of informing new service changes or the commissioning of new services. However, this information is not routinely requested from individual GP Practices for 'monitoring' purposes and therefore not currently held by NHS Cheshire & Merseyside ICB.

You previously asked:

5) Number of Staff with ethnicity breakdown

Our Previous Response:

5) NHS Cheshire & Merseyside ICB does not hold information on the number of staff employed at Brownlow Health Central GP Practice or their ethnicity.*

**You may wish to redirect your request for this information to Brownlow Health Central GP Practice who would hold this information. The contact details for*

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Your review request:

I suppose this relates to the question above in terms of trying to ensure that the Practice is as representative of its patient group as possible.

Our Review Response:

NHS Cheshire & Merseyside ICB have data sharing agreements in place with GP Practices to obtain staff data, such as ethnicity, in instances where this was relevant to inform commissioning decisions and to ensure that the services commissioned are targeted and representative of the patient population. However, this information is not routinely requested from individual GP Practices and therefore not currently held by NHS Cheshire & Merseyside ICB.

As advised in our previous response, a breakdown of the ethnicity of staff employed by Brownlow GP Practice would be held by the GP Practice and requests for this information can be directed to the practice itself via the contact details provided in our previous response.