

Dear

**Re: Freedom of Information Act 2000
ASD Assessment / Diagnoses**

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.

Your Request:

- 1) In line with the Freedom of Information Act (2000), please name the organisation(s) that deliver(s) ASD (autism spectrum disorder) assessment / diagnoses in your ICB area for both adults and CYP (children and young people)?**
- 2) When did the contract(s) begin and when is the contract(s) due to end?**
- 3) What is the annual spend for this service for 2022-23, and for the last 5 years?**
- 4) How is the service contracted – is it Block, Activity-based, or AQP contracting?**
- 5) If the service is commissioned with other CCGs, ICSs or Trusts, which are these?**
- 6) If any of the organisation(s) subcontracts any ASD Assessments. And if yes the names of those subcontractor organisations, and the numerical quantity of ASD Assessments undertaken by each subcontractor organisation?**
- 7) A list of Right to Choose providers used and whether this is for adults, children & young people or both**

Our Response:

Please find listed below the requested information held regarding ASD assessment and diagnosis services commissioned in each of the former CCG areas that now make up NHS Cheshire & Merseyside ICB:

Cheshire

1) Please find listed below the organisations commissioned in Cheshire to deliver ASC assessment/diagnosis services:

- *East Cheshire NHS Trust (0 – 4 years CYP ASC)*
foi.enquiries@coch.nhs.uk
- *Mid Cheshire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust (CYP ASC)*
foi.foi@mcht.nhs.uk
- *Cheshire & Wirral Partnership NHS Foundation Trust (CYP & Adult ASC)*
cwp.foi@nhs.net

- 2) All contracts are part of on an annual rolling block contract.
- 3) Due to the nature of block contracts in place for a wide range of healthcare services with the commissioned providers there is no separately defined spend on the ASC assessment and diagnosis service element.
- 4) Block contract.
- 5) Not applicable.
- 6) Information not held*.
- 7) None known.

Halton

1) Please find listed below the organisations commissioned in Halton to deliver ASC assessment/diagnosis services:

- *Bridgewater Community Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust (CYP ASC)*
bchft.foi@nhs.net
- *Mersey Care NHS Foundation Trust (Adult ASC)*
FOI@merseycare.nhs.uk

- 2) All contracts currently run from 01 April 2023 to 31 March 2024.
- 3) Due to the nature of block contracts in place for a wide range of healthcare services with the commissioned providers there is no separately defined spend on the ASC assessment and diagnosis service element.
- 4) Block contract.
- 5) Not applicable.
- 6) Information not held*.
- 7) None known

Knowsley

1) Please find listed below the organisations commissioned in Knowsley to deliver ASC assessment/diagnosis services:

- *Clinical Partners Ltd (CYP ASC)*
info@clinical-partners.co.uk
- *Mersey Care NHS Foundation Trust (Adult ASC)*
FOI@merseycare.nhs.uk

2) Contract with Mersey Care NHS Foundation Trust is part of on an annual rolling block contract. Contract with Clinical Partners Ltd began on 01 April 2022 and is due to end on 31 March 2024.

3) Due to the nature of block contracts in place for a wide range of healthcare services with Mersey Care NHS Foundation Trust there is no separately defined spend on the ASC assessment and diagnosis service element. The contract with Clinical Partners Ltd is activity/cost-per-case based, with a total spend during the 2022/23 financial year of £514,000.

4) Activity/Cost-per-Case and Block contract.

5) Not applicable.

6) Information not held*.

7) None known

Liverpool

1) Please find listed below the organisations commissioned in Liverpool to deliver ASC assessment/diagnosis services:

- *Alder Hey Children's Hospital NHS Foundation Trust (CYP ASC)*
FOIRequests@alderhey.nhs.uk

- *Mersey Care NHS Foundation Trust (Adult ASC)*
FOI@merseycare.nhs.uk

2) All contracts are part of on an annual rolling block contract.

3) Due to the nature of block contracts in place for a wide range of healthcare services with the commissioned providers there is no separately defined spend on the ASC assessment and diagnosis service element.

4) Block contract.

5) Not applicable.

6) Information not held*.

7) None known

Sefton

1) Please find listed below the organisations commissioned in Sefton to deliver ASC assessment/diagnosis services:

- *Alder Hey Children's Hospital NHS Foundation Trust (CYP ASC)*
FOIRequests@alderhey.nhs.uk

- *Mersey Care NHS Foundation Trust (Adult ASC)*
FOI@merseycare.nhs.uk

2) All contracts are part of on an annual rolling block contract.

3) Due to the nature of block contracts in place for a wide range of healthcare services with the commissioned providers there is no separately defined spend on the ASC assessment and diagnosis service element.

4) Block contract.

5) Not applicable.

6) Information not held*.

7) None known

St Helens

1) Please find listed below the organisations commissioned in St Helens to deliver ASC assessment/diagnosis services:

- *St Helens Borough Council (CYP ASC)*
www.sthelens.gov.uk/article/6525/Raise-a-Freedom-of-Information-request
- *St Helens & Knowsley Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust (CYP ASC)*
foirequests@sthk.nhs.uk
- *Mersey Care NHS Foundation Trust (CYP and Adult ASC)*
FOI@merseycare.nhs.uk

- 2) All contracts are part of on an annual rolling block contract.
- 3) Due to the nature of block contracts in place for a wide range of healthcare services with the commissioned providers there is no separately defined spend on the ASC assessment and diagnosis service element.
- 4) Block contract.
- 5) Not applicable.
- 6) Information not held*.
- 7) None known.

Warrington

1) Please find listed below the organisations commissioned in Warrington to deliver ASC assessment/diagnosis services:

- *Bridgewater Community Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust (CYP ASC)*
bchft.foi@nhs.net
- *Mersey Care NHS Foundation Trust (Adult ASC)*
FOI@merseycare.nhs.uk

- 2) All contracts currently run from 01 April 2023 to 31 March 2024.
- 3) Due to the nature of block contracts in place for a wide range of healthcare services with the commissioned providers there is no separately defined spend on the ASC assessment and diagnosis service element.
- 4) Block contract.
- 5) Not applicable.
- 6) Information not held*.
- 7) None known

Wirral

1) Please find listed below the organisations commissioned in Wirral to deliver ASC assessment/diagnosis services:

- *Wirral University Teaching Hospital NHS Foundation Trust (CYP ASC)*
wih-tr.AccessToInformationOffice@nhs.net
- *Cheshire & Wirral Partnership NHS Foundation Trust (CYP & Adult ASC)*
cwp.foi@nhs.net

2) All contracts are part of on an annual rolling contract.
 3) Due to the nature of block contract in place for a wide range of healthcare services with Wirral University Teaching Hospital NHS Foundation Trust there is no separately defined spend on the ASC assessment and diagnosis service element. Please find listed below the annual spend on the activity-based contracts for ASC assessment/diagnosis in Wirral over the last five financial years:

Provider	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	22/2023
<i>Cheshire & Wirral Partnership NHS Foundation Trust</i>	£247,624	£311,853	£236,839	£181,137	£188,279
<i>Psychiatry UK</i>	Nil	Nil	£9,618	£106,064	£808,751

- 4) Block Contract/Activity-based.
 5) Not applicable.
 6) Information not held*.
 7) Psychiatry UK.

*You may wish to redirect your request for this information to the commissioned providers listed, along with their contact details for Freedom of Information requests, in response to Questions 1 of your request.

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.