

Ref: FOI/00480/CMICB
18 August 2023

Dear,

**Re: Freedom of Information Act 2000
Tier 3 Weight Management Services**

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 the ICB commission a Specialist Tier 3 Weight Management Service?

If so, please provide for the NHS Financial Years: 2021/22, 2022/23 and 2023/24 (year-to-date):

2) The name of the provider(s) - if more than one, please provide the following for each provider and each period:

3) The regions covered (e.g. sub-ICB / ICB-wide)

4) The number of places commissioned

5) The total expenditure on the Tier 3 Weight Management Service

6) The payment method:

- NHS Tariff/Payment Scheme.
- Other Per Appointment Pricing Scheme.
- Per Patient/Pathway Pricing.
- Block Arrangement.

6a) If paid on a block, please provide the basis for calculating the block value (e.g. tariff/NHS pricing scheme, locally agreed price, etc.)

6b) What else does the block include? (e.g. part of a wider endocrinology service, general medicine service, etc.)

7) The title and grade of the clinician(s) who is clinically responsible for patients in the service

8) Any clinical pathways and/or protocols or service specifications for this service.

9) Any quality metrics and/or reports for this service.

Our Response:

Please find listed below the information held in respect of commissioned tier 3 weight management services in each of the former CCG areas that now makes up NHS Cheshire & Merseyside ICB:

Cheshire

1) Yes.

2) Tier 3 Weight management services commissioned from *Countess of Chester Hospital NHS Foundation Trust (CoCH)* and *Central Cheshire Integrated Care Partnership (CCICP)* between 2021/22 and 2023/24.

3) Service commissioned for all patients registered with a Cheshire GP Practice.

4) Service not commissioned on 'places' and available for whole patient population.

5) Total annual contract value for Tier 3 weight management services commissioned from CoCH is £59,977 and for CCICP is £78,794.

6a) Block arrangement based on locally agreed prices.

6b) Block contracts also include 'Diabetes Structured Education' with an annual contract value for this element from CoCH of £28,950 and CCICP £38,500.

7) Information not held*.

8) Information not held*.

9) No.

*You may wish to redirect your request for this information to the Countess of Chester Hospital NHS Foundation Trust who can be contacted for Freedom of Information requests via: foi.enquiries@coch.nhs.uk and also Central Cheshire Integrated Care Partnership who can be contacted via Mid Cheshire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust on: foi.foi@mcht.nhs.uk.

Halton

1 - 9) Information not held. Please be advised that tier 3 weight management services are commissioned in Halton by Public Health via the Local Authority. You may therefore wish to redirect your request for this information to Halton Borough Council, who can be contacted for Freedom of Information requests via the following email address: hdl@halton.gov.uk.

Knowsley

1 - 9) Information not held. Please be advised that tier 3 weight management services are commissioned in Knowsley by Public Health via the Local Authority. You may therefore wish to redirect your request for this information to

Knowsley Council, who can be contacted for Freedom of Information requests via the following email address: foi@knowsley.gov.uk

Liverpool

- 1) Yes.
- 2) Tier 3 Weight management services commissioned from Liverpool University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust between 2021/22 and 2023/24.
- 3) Service commissioned for patients registered with a Liverpool GP Practice.
- 4) Service not commissioned on 'places' and available for whole patient population.
- 5) Please find listed below the expenditure on Tier 3 Weight Management Services:
2021/22: £699,769.
2022/23: £711,804.
2023/24: £741,381.
- 6) Block arrangement subject to national payment system rules and aligned payment incentive.
- 7) Information not held*.
- 8) Information not held*.
- 9) No.

*You may wish to redirect your request for this information to LUHFT who can be contacted for Freedom of Information request via:

FOIRequests@liverpoolft.nhs.uk

Sefton

- 1) Yes.
- 2) Tier 3 Weight management services commissioned from Liverpool University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust between 2021/22 and 2023/24.
- 3) Service commissioned for patients registered with a Sefton GP Practice.
- 4) Service not commissioned on 'places' and available for whole patient population.
- 5) Information not held on expenditure of Tier 3 Weight Management Service as this is commissioned as part of a block contract for a wide range of healthcare services from LUHFT.
- 6) Block Contract on NHS Tariff which includes a whole range of acute/secondary care and community services.
- 7) Information not held*.
- 8) Information not held*.
- 9) No.

*You may wish to redirect your request for this information to LUHFT who can be contacted for Freedom of Information request via:

FOIRequests@liverpoolft.nhs.uk

St Helens

1 - 9) Information not held. Please be advised that tier 3 weight management services are commissioned in St Helens via Public Health by the Local Authority. You may therefore wish to redirect your request for this information to

St Helens Borough Council, who can be contacted for Freedom of Information requests via the following email address:

www.sthelens.gov.uk/article/6525/Raise-a-Freedom-of-Information-request

Warrington

- 1) Yes.
- 2) Tier 3 Weight management services commissioned from Countess of Chester Hospital NHS Foundation Trust between 2021/22 and 2023/24.
- 3) Service commissioned for patients registered with a Warrington GP Practice.
- 4) 35 places commissioned per annum.
- 5) Annual contract value between 2021/22 and 2023/24 is £66,000.
- 6 – 6a) Block contract based on locally agreed pricing.
- 6b) No other services included within block contract.
- 7) Information not held*.
- 8) Service commissioned based on national pathways.
- 9) Information not held*.

*You may wish to redirect your request for this information to the Countess of Chester Hospital NHS Foundation Trust who can be contacted for Freedom of Information requests via: foi.enquiries@coch.nhs.uk.

Wirral

- 1) Yes.
- 2) Tier 3 Weight management services commissioned from Wirral Community Health NHS Foundation Trust between 2021/22 and 2023/24.
- 3) Service commissioned for patients registered with a Wirral GP Practice.
- 4) Service not commissioned on 'places' and available for whole patient population.
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- 5) Please find listed below the expenditure on Tier 3 Weight Management Services:
2021/22: £177,126.
2022/23: £183,467.
2023/24: £188,402.
- 6) Block contract based on locally agreed pricing, which includes a whole range of acute/secondary care and community services.
- 7) Information not held*.
- 8 - 9) Please find enclosed 'Wirral Tier 3 Specialist Weight Management Service Specification' which details the pathway and quality metrics.

*You may wish to redirect your request for this information to Wirral Community Health NHS Foundation Trust who can be contacted for Freedom of Information requests via: wcnt.foi@nhs.net

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.