

Ref: FOI/00497/CMICB

28 July 2023

Dear

**Re: Freedom of Information Act 2000  
Orthodontic Assessment/Treatment**

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:**

**FDS consultants are commissioned by NHS England to deliver a referral management service for dental treatment.**

**1) Can you provide me with an area-by-area breakdown of the number of patients currently held by FDS consultants & referral management systems awaiting orthodontic assessment/treatment in the following area.**

**Cheshire & Merseyside**

**Our Response:**

1) 29,728 patients are currently awaiting orthodontic assessment/treatment in Cheshire and Merseyside.

**Your Request:**

**2) Can you provide me an area-by-area breakdown of the earliest date of referral for a patient awaiting orthodontic assessment (i.e. for the patient waiting the longest for assessment/treatment) currently held by FDS Consultants & referral management systems in the following area**

**Cheshire & Merseyside**

**Our Response:**

2) The earliest date of referral for a Cheshire and Merseyside patient currently awaiting orthodontic assessment is 02 July 2019.

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](mailto: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](http://www.ico.gov.uk)

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