

Ref: FOI/00431/CMICB
29 June 2023

Dear

**Re: Freedom of Information Act 2000
Implantable Cardiac Monitoring**

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) What is the current commissioning policy at Cheshire and Merseyside ICB for implantable cardiac monitoring; and please could you share a copy of this policy?

Our Response:

1) NHS Cheshire & Merseyside ICB does not have a specific implantable cardiac monitoring policy.

Your Request:

2a) Has Cheshire and Merseyside ICB formally reviewed and had meetings regarding the implementation of the DG41 NICE Guidance that supports the use of implantable cardiac monitors to prevent secondary cryptogenic stroke and increase the detection of atrial fibrillation in people who have had a cryptogenic stroke?

2b) Please could you share the minutes related to these meetings?

Our Response:

2a - b) NHS Cheshire & Merseyside ICB has not formally reviewed or held any meetings regarding implementation of the DG41 NICE Guidance that supports the use of implantable cardiac monitors to prevent secondary cryptogenic stroke and increase the detection of atrial fibrillation in people who have had a cryptogenic stroke.

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