

Ref: FOI/00416/CMICB
21 June 2023

Dear

**Re: Freedom of Information Act 2000
Service Specifications Held by Acute NHS Trusts & RTT Data**

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) Please can we request the specifications of service held by your local NHS Acute Trusts for the following specialties:

- **Dermatology**
- **Orthopaedics**
- **Ear Nose and Throat**
- **Endoscopy**
- **Ophthalmology**
- **Gynaecology**
- **Urology**

Our Response:

1) Please be advised that service specifications held by the local NHS Acute Trusts for the specialties listed would be held by the local NHS Acute Trusts. Consequently, you may wish to redirect your request for this information to the local NHS Acute Trusts operating in NHS Cheshire & Merseyside ICB's geographical area, which are listed below along with their contact details for Freedom of Information requests:

Alder Hey Children's Hospital NHS Foundation Trust
FOIRequests@alderhey.nhs.uk

Countess of Chester NHS Foundation Trust
foi.enquiries@coch.nhs.uk

East Cheshire NHS Trust
ecn-tr.foirequests@nhs.net

Liverpool Heart and Chest Hospital NHS Trust
FOIRequests@lhch.nhs.uk

Liverpool University Hospital NHS Foundation Trust
FOIRequests@liverpoolft.nhs.uk

Liverpool Women's NHS Foundation Trust
FOI@lwh.nhs.uk

Mid Cheshire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
foi.foi@mcht.nhs.uk

Southport & Ormskirk Hospital NHS Trust
soh-tr.foi@nhs.net

St Helens and Knowsley Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust
foirequests@sthk.nhs.uk

Warrington & Halton Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
WHH.FOI@nhs.net

Wirral University Teaching Hospital NHS Foundation Trust
wih-tr.AccessToInformationOffice@nhs.net

Your Request:

2) Please can we request applicable referral to treatment (RTT) averages for the following specialties across your NHS Acute Trusts:

- **Dermatology**
- **Orthopaedics**
- **Ear Nose and Throat**
- **Endoscopy**
- **Ophthalmology**
- **Gynaecology**
- **Urology**

Our Response:

2) Please be advised RTT averages for the specialties listed in your request for each of the local NHS Acute Trusts would be held by the local NHS Acute Trusts themselves. Consequently, you may wish to redirect your request for this information to the local NHS Acute Trusts operating in NHS Cheshire & Merseyside ICB's geographical area listed in response to Question 1.

Additionally, please be advised that RTT data is also published and publicly available on the NHS England website via the following link:
<https://www.england.nhs.uk/statistics/statistical-work-areas/rtt-waiting-times/>

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.