Ref: FOI/00122/CMICB 10 November 2022

Your Request:

1) Digital Dictation (Please specify the information by department that has the service, e.g., radiology, dermatology, etc.)

Department 1 Supplier name System name Contract initiation date Contract expiration date Is it a rolling (annual) contract? (Y/N) What is the annual or contract cost? (Please specify one option)

Department 2 Supplier name System name Contract initiation date Contract expiration date Is it a rolling (annual) contract? (Y/N) What is the annual or contract cost? (Please specify one option)

2) Voice recognition (Please specify the information by department that has the service, e.g., radiology, dermatology, etc.)

Department 1 Supplier name System name Contract initiation date Contract expiration date Is it a rolling (annual) contract? (Y/N) What is the annual or contract cost? (Please specify one option) Department 2 Supplier name System name Contract initiation date Contract expiration date Is it a rolling (annual) contract? (Y/N) What is the annual or contract cost? (Please specify one option)

3) Outsourced Medical transcription

Supplier name(s) Contract initiation Contract expiration Is it a rolling (annual) contract? (Y/N) Total spending 2019 Total spending 2020 Total spending 2021 Please find attached an excel file for you to easily fill in with the information.

System definitions

Digital Dictation: Device used to record audio and share recordings digitally.

Voice Recognition: Identifies and translates spoken words into text. Used to complete tasks or transcribe documents.

Medical transcription: The manual processing of voice reports dictated by physicians and other healthcare professionals into text format

## **Our Response:**

1-3) Please be advised that NHS Cheshire & Merseyside ICB is a commissioner of healthcare services and not a provider delivering direct patient care. As a result, NHS Cheshire & Merseyside ICB as an organisation does not use any digital dictation, voice recognition or outsourced medical transcription.