

**Your Request:**

**I understand the ICB has an agreement with CTAD clinic/Cheshire psychology for the CTAD clinic to carry out assessments and treatments. I am looking for details of the agreement generally**

**1) Any patient quotas?**

**Our Response:**

1) Patient activity is set within the contract at 15 patients per year for patients in the former NHS Cheshire CCG area.

**Your Request:**

**2) Time scales defined in the agreement for treatment and assessment**

**Our Response:**

2) Patients should be contacted within 3 working days of referral, with assessment conducted within 12 weeks.

**Your Request:**

**3) Criteria before a PT is referred to CTAD**

**Our Response:**

3) The referral criteria to Cheshire Psychology is based on the clinical need of the patient as identified by a consultant psychologist or psychiatrist from the Complex Needs Service, which is commissioned from Cheshire & Wirral Partnership NHS Foundation Trust (CWP).

**Your Request:**

**4) How long CTAD will continue treatment for**

**Our Response:**

4) There is no absolute time limit defined for how long treatment will continue for by Cheshire Psychology, as this is based on the needs of the patient. However, a clinical review is required to be presented back to the referring clinician after 12 months.

**Your Request:**

**5) Do CTAD carry out all dissociative assessments and treatments**

**Our Response:**

5) Cheshire Psychology are the only commissioned provider specifically for dissociative assessments/treatments in Cheshire. However, the vast majority of patients who experience complex post traumatic stress disorder, who then suffer dissociation are treated within the Complex Needs Service commissioned from CWP. CWP are then able to onward refer patients to Cheshire Psychology if their particular specialist service in this area is required.

**Your Request:**

**6) What therapies does the NHS fund through CTAD**

**Our Response:**

6) The patient's diagnosis determines the direction of treatment using established clinical guidelines for therapy, as set out by the International Society for the Study of Trauma and Dissociation (ISSTD).

**Your Request:**

**7) What is the charge to the NHS per assessment and average course of treatment costs through CTAD**

**Our Response:**

7) NHS Cheshire & Merseyside ICB does hold information on the pricing structure of assessments and treatment through Cheshire Psychology. However, NHS Cheshire & Merseyside ICB considers this pricing structure to be commercially sensitive. As a result, NHS Cheshire & Merseyside ICB is unable to provide you with details of the agreed pricing structure for assessment and treatment by Cheshire Psychology under Section 43: 'Trade Secrets and Prejudice to Commercial Interests' of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

On applying the Public Interest Test, NHS Cheshire & Merseyside ICB believes that release of the agreed pricing structure would, or is likely to, significantly prejudice the commercial interests of Cheshire Psychology, as well as providing any competitors with a significant market advantage.

**Your Request:**

**8) What is the average treatment length of NHS patients through CTAD**

**Our Response:**

8) NHS Cheshire & Merseyside ICB does not receive information that specifically details the time/length of treatment to enable us to determine the average length of treatment for NHS patients by Cheshire Psychology.

**Your Request:**

**9) Why was the decision made to use CTAD as opposed to the clinicians already available within the NHS and any other information similar to or related to the above.**

**Our Response:**

9) The service commissioned from Cheshire Psychology is offered to patients if their needs cannot be met through the mental health services already commissioned from CWP. The service commissioned from Cheshire Psychology was originally commissioned prior to the establishment of the Complex Needs Service commissioned from CWP being available within the NHS supplied offer.

**Your Request:**

**10) Average patient wellbeing markers before and after treatment through CTAD**

**11) Average dissociation patient wellbeing markers before and after treatment through NHS before CTAD was introduced**

**12) Average inpatient ward uses before and after treatment through CTAD  
Average inpatient ward use before and after treatment through NHS  
before introduction of CTAD**

**13) Average crisis team use of patient before and after receiving treatment through CTAD**

**14) Average crisis team use of patients before and after receiving treatment through the NHS before the introduction of CTAD.**

**Our Response:**

10 - 14) NHS Cheshire & Merseyside ICB does not hold any of the above requested information in respect patient wellbeing markers, ward use, crisis team use before or after receiving treatment through Cheshire Psychology, or before or after the service with Cheshire Psychology was commissioned. You may wish to redirect your request for this information to CWP, as the local commissioned NHS mental health services provider in Cheshire and who may be able to identify this information. CWP can be contacted for Freedom of Information requests via: [cwp.foi@nhs.net](mailto:cwp.foi@nhs.net)