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Your Request:

For the financial years 2020/21, 2021/22 and 2022/23:

- 1a) The allocation received for NHS Continuing Healthcare (CHC) funding from NHS England.
- 1b) The CCG/ICB's budget for CHC funding?
- 2) Total spend on CHC?
- 3) Total number of CHC applications?
- 4) Total number of CHC appeals?
- 5) Total number of CHC appeals overturned?

Our Response:

Please find listed below the information held regarding the CHC funding information requested for each of the former CCG areas that now make up NHS Cheshire & Merseyside ICB:

Cheshire

1a -b) 2020/21: £80,168,247. 2021/22: £61,982,149. 2022/23: £64,161,643. 2) 2020/21: £77,698,547. 2021/22: £64,374,546. 2022/23: £65,422,563. Please note the CCG allocation received in respect of Q1a is the same figure as the CCG budget in response to Q1b. The 2020/21 figures include additional Covid-19 funding and the 2021/22 figures includes Hospital Discharge Funding. Figure provided do not include Funded Nursing Care/CHC Fast-Track and Section 117.

- 3) Data publicly available via the NHS England website via the following link: https://www.england.nhs.uk/statistics/statistical-work-areas/nhs-chc-fnc/
- 4) 2020/21: 29. 2021/22: 60. 2022/23 (to date): 51.
- 5) 2020/21: 8. 2021/22: 10. 2022/23 (to date): 0.

Halton

- 1a) Baseline allocation not split or recorded by individual service, such as CHC.
- 1b) 2020/21: £5,226,727. 2021/22: £4,634,843. 2022/23: £5,327,765.
- 2) 2020/21: £3,870,047. 2021/22: £8,065,606. 2022/23: £5,997,461.

The spend within the year, not including fast tracks, Funded Nursing Care (FNC) or Section 117 aftercare, as per specification. This cannot be compared to Decision Support Tools (DSTS)/appeals in year, as it is cumulative from previous years continuing eligibility for CHC and cannot be split further. Additionally the 2022/23 figures are up to 31 December 2022.

3) Data publicly available via the NHS England website via the following link: https://www.england.nhs.uk/statistics/statistical-work-areas/nhs-chc-fnc/

4) 2020/21: 3. 2021/22: 5. 2022/23 (to date): 4.

Local Resolution: Requests to review an eligibility decision (total CHC) and Not PuPoCs (Previously Unassessed Packages of Care) Only Completed Appeals available via the following link: https://www.england.nhs.uk/statistics/statistical-work-areas/nhs-chc-fnc/. Total number of CHC Appeals is the amount of appeals added to the system in year, this will differ from completed appeals which can be higher or lower, as some appeals may have been added prior years and only completed this financial year.

5) Data publicly available via the NHS England website via the following link: https://www.england.nhs.uk/statistics/statistical-work-areas/nhs-chc-fnc/

Knowsley

1a - b) 2020/21: £7,794,803. 2021/22: £7,869,327. 2022/23: £7,451,044.

- 2) 2020/21: £7,230,620. 2021/22: £7,323,050. 2022/23 (forecast): £8,104,991.
- 3) Data publicly available via the NHS England website via the following link: https://www.england.nhs.uk/statistics/statistical-work-areas/nhs-chc-fnc/
- 4) 2020/2021: One Dispute appeal upheld

2022: 14 Dispute Appeals all found to be sound

2022: 1 Ongoing incorporating Retrospective.

2022: 1 Disputes on Closed

2023: 2 Disputes received

5) No CHC appeals were overturned between 2020/21 and 2023.

Please note the CCG allocation received in respect of Q1a is the same figure as the CCG budget in response to Q1b and it has not been possible to separate the budget/spend listed in questions Q1b/1b and Q2 and therefore is inclusive of CHC, Funded Nursing Care (FNC), Section 117 and CHC Fast-Track budget/spend. Please also note that CHC appeals were not recorded by financial year following 2020/21.

Liverpool

- 1a b) Budget/allocation for CHC not separately recorded by former NHS Liverpool CCG area, as this is included in the overall baseline allocation received.
- 2) 2020/21: £55,807,000. 2021/22: £50,818,000. 2022/23: forecast/spend not yet determined.
- 3) Data publicly available via the NHS England website via the following link: https://www.england.nhs.uk/statistics/statistical-work-areas/nhs-chc-fnc/ 4 5) Information not held. CHC Service, including appeals, commissioned from Midland & Lancashire Commissioning Support Unit (MLCSU). You may therefore wish to redirect your request for this information to MLCSU, who can be contacted for Freedom of Information requests via NHS England at: england.contactus@nhs.net

South Sefton/Southport & Formby

1a - b) Budget/allocation for CHC not separately recorded by former NHS South Sefton/Southport & Formby CCG area, as this is included in the overall baseline allocation received.

2) [South Sefton] 2020/21: £6,250,000. 2021/22: £8,700,000. 2022/23: £10,500,000. [Southport & Formby] 2020/21: £6,080,000. 2021/22: £8,400,000. 2022/23: £10,320,000.

3) Data publicly available via the NHS England website via the following link: https://www.england.nhs.uk/statistics/statistical-work-areas/nhs-chc-fnc/ 4 – 5) Information not held. CHC Service, including appeals, commissioned from Midland & Lancashire Commissioning Support Unit (MLCSU). You may therefore wish to redirect your request for this information to MLCSU, who can be contacted for Freedom of Information requests via NHS England at: england.contactus@nhs.net

St Helens

1a - b) 2020/21: £12,011,904. 2021/22: £9,383,352. 2022/23: £8,687,765. Please note the CCG allocation received in respect of Q1a is the same figure as the CCG budget in response to Q1b.

- 2) 2020/21: £9,472,321. 2021/22: 8,970,372. 2022/23: £8,819,325.
- 3) Data publicly available via the NHS England website via the following link: https://www.england.nhs.uk/statistics/statistical-work-areas/nhs-chc-fnc/
- 4) 2020/21: Not recorded. 2021/22: 13. 2022/23 (to date): 6.
- 5) 2020/21: Not recorded. 2021/22: 6. 2022/23: 1.

Warrington

- 1a) Baseline allocation not split or recorded by individual service, such as CHC.
- 1b) 2020/21: £8,468,125. 2021/22: £9,576,870. 2022/23: £7,483,936.
- 2) 2020/21: £8,601,390. 2021/22: £9,702,533. 2022/23: £7,686,285.

The spend within the year, not including fast tracks, Funded Nursing Care (FNC) or Section 117 aftercare, as per specification. This cannot be compared to Decision Support Tools (DSTS)/appeals in year, as it is cumulative from previous years continuing eligibility for CHC and cannot be split further. Additionally the 2022/23 figures are up to 31 December 2022.

- 3) Data publicly available via the NHS England website via the following link: https://www.england.nhs.uk/statistics/statistical-work-areas/nhs-chc-fnc/
 4) 2020/21: 10. 2021/22: 17. 2022/23 (to date): 6.
- Local Resolution: Requests to review an eligibility decision (total CHC) and Not PuPoCs (Previously Unassessed Packages of Care) Only Completed Appeals available via the following link: https://www.england.nhs.uk/statistics/statistical-work-areas/nhs-chc-fnc/. Total number of CHC Appeals is the amount of appeals added to the system in year, this will differ from completed appeals which can be higher or lower, as some appeals may have been added prior years and only completed this financial year.
- 5) Data publicly available via the NHS England website via the following link: https://www.england.nhs.uk/statistics/statistical-work-areas/nhs-chc-fnc/

Wirral

1a -b) 2020/21: £40,129,421. 2021/22: £43,926,543. 2022/23: £35,931,721. 2) 2020/21: £41,751,792. 2021/22: £46,197,959. 2022/23: £41,335,684. Please note the CCG allocation received in respect of Q1a is the same figure as the CCG budget in response to Q1b. Additionally the 2022/23 figures are up to 31 December 2022.

3) Data publicly available via the NHS England website via the following link: https://www.england.nhs.uk/statistics/statistical-work-areas/nhs-chc-fnc/

4 - 5) Information not held. The CHC appeal process is commissioned from Cheshire & Wirral Partnership NHS Foundation Trust (CWP). You may therefore wish to redirect your request for this information to CWP, who can be contacted for Freedom of Information requests via: cwp.foi@nhs.net