

Your Request:

- 1) Identify and share all contracts currently pertaining to walk in urgent care services in the region including:**
 - Walk in Primary Care Clinics or Services
 - Minor Injury Units
 - Minor Illness Treatment Units
 - Urgent Care Centres
 - Urgent Treatment Centres
 - Walk in Treatment Centres

- 2) Identify the overall contract values for each contract identified**

- 3) Where you have entered a contract, could you please confirm the contracts:**
 - a) Commencement date
 - b) Expiry date of the initial term; and
 - c) Expiry date of any applicable extension periods if taken.

Our Response:

1 – 3) Please find listed below the information held by each of the former CCG areas that now make up NHS Cheshire & Merseyside ICB in relation to the urgent care services commissioned:

Cheshire

Urgent Treatment Centre (UTC) services commissioned from East Cheshire NHS Trust, Mid Cheshire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, Countess of Chester Hospital NHS Foundation Trust and Wirral Community Health & Care NHS Foundation Trust. All UTC services commissioned are part of annual rolling block contracts for a wide range of healthcare services, with no separately defined contract value specifically for the UTC elements.

Halton & Warrington

Urgent Treatment Centre (UTC) services commissioned from Warrington & Halton Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust and also Bridgewater Community Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust as part of a block contract. The UTC service commissioned from Warrington & Halton Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust has an annual contract value of £3,559,860. The UTC service commissioned from Bridgewater Community Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust has an annual contract value of £3,660,000. Both current UTC service contracts commenced on 01 April 2022 and are due to end on 31 March 2023, with no option in the contract to extend.

Knowsley

Walk-in-Centres (WIC) commissioned from Mersey Care NHS Foundation Trust as part of an annual rolling block contract for a wide range of healthcare services, with no separately defined contract value specifically for the WIC element.

Liverpool

Walk-in-Centres (WIC) commissioned from Mersey Care NHS Foundation Trust as part of an annual rolling block contract for a wide range of healthcare services, with no separately defined contract value specifically for the WIC element.

Sefton

Walk-in-Centre (WIC) commissioned from Liverpool University Hospital NHS Foundation Trust as part of an annual rolling block contract for a wide range of healthcare services, with no separately defined contract value specifically for the WIC element.

St Helens

Urgent Treatment Centre (UTC) commissioned from St Helens and Knowsley Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust as part of an annual rolling block contract for a wide range of healthcare services, with no separately defined contract value specifically for the UTC element.

Wirral

- *Urgent Treatment Centre / Walk-in-Centre / Minor Injuries Service* commissioned from Wirral Community Health & Care NHS Foundation Trust as part of an annual rolling block contract for a wide range of healthcare services, with no separately defined contract value specifically for these service elements.

- *Minor Illness & Injuries Service* commissioned from Miriam Primary Care Group via a rolling NHS standard contract, with an annual contract value of £59,000.

- *Minor Injury (A&E) Service* commissioned from Wirral University Teaching Hospital NHS Foundation Trust as part of an annual rolling block contract for a wide range of healthcare services, with no separately defined contract value specifically for this service element.

Please be advised that NHS Cheshire & Merseyside ICB does hold copies of the contracts held with the listed providers for the above services. However, NHS Cheshire & Merseyside ICB considers these contracts to be commercially sensitive. As a result, NHS Cheshire & Merseyside ICB is unable to provide you with copies of the contracts held with the listed providers for the above services 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 these contracts into the public domain would, or is likely to,

significantly prejudice the commercial interests of the commissioned providers listed, as well as providing any future competitors with a significant market advantage. However, if there is particular information you wish to request that may be contained within these contracts, please let us know and we will be happy to look at providing you with this information under the Freedom of Information Act.

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4) Where your contracts' initial or extended term is due to expire in the next 12 months, i.e., during financial year 2022/2023 or the forthcoming year 2023/2024, could you please confirm the intentions going forward, including.

- a) Roll forward the existing contract**
- b) Seek alternative providers**
- c) Undertake a formal competitive tender process**
- d) If the decision is to undertake formal tender process, which tender platform will be utilised.**

Our Response:

4) NHS Cheshire & Merseyside ICB has not made any decisions at present as to the future intentions of the above listed urgent care service contracts.