

Your Request:

Would it be possible to receive the following information regarding your current wheelchair services and approved wheelchair repair services contracts for your ICB please? Understanding ICBs were formally created only recently and that you may not have updated contracts, this could be the collection of current contracts from your constituent CCGs.

1) Who is the current provider of wheelchair services (WCS)?

Our Response:

1) Please find listed below details of the current WCS provider(s) in each of the former CCG areas:

Cheshire

- *Central Cheshire Integrated Care Partnership (covering East and Mid Cheshire).*
- *Wirral Community Health and Care NHS Foundation Trust. (covering West Cheshire).*

Halton

- *Bridgewater Community Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust.*

Knowsley

- *MerseyCare NHS Foundation Trust*

Liverpool

- *MerseyCare NHS Foundation Trust*

Sefton

- *MerseyCare NHS Foundation Trust*

St Helens

- *Bridgewater Community Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust*

Warrington

- *Bridgewater Community Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust.*

Wirral

- *Wirral Community Health and Care NHS Foundation Trust.*

Your Request:

2) What is the total value of the WCS contract?

Our Response:

2) Please find listed below details of the WCS contract values in each of the former CCG areas:

Cheshire

- *Central Cheshire Integrated Care Partnership: £1,073,876.*
- *Wirral Community Health and Care NHS Foundation Trust: £ 883,654.*

Halton

- *Bridgewater Community Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust: £600,000.*

Knowsley

- *MerseyCare NHS Foundation Trust: unable to separately identify WCS contract value, as included as part of wider block contract arrangement for a range of services.*

Liverpool

- *MerseyCare NHS Foundation Trust: unable to separately identify WCS contract value, as included as part of wider block contract arrangement for a range of services.*

Sefton

- *MerseyCare NHS Foundation Trust: unable to separately identify WCS contract value, as included as part of wider block contract arrangement for a range of services.*

St Helens

- *Bridgewater Community Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust: £730,000.*

Warrington

- *Bridgewater Community Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust: unable to separately identify WCS contract value, as included as part of wider block contract arrangement for a range of services.*

Wirral

- *Wirral Community Health and Care NHS Foundation Trust: unable to separately identify WCS contract value, as included as part of wider block contract arrangement for a range of services.*

Your Request:

3) What is the duration of the WCS contract?

4) What is the end date of the WCS contract? When would the new tender be released?

Our Response:

3 - 4) Please find listed below details of the WCS contract duration and end dates in each of the former CCG areas:

Cheshire

- *Central Cheshire Integrated Care Partnership: 1 year (ends 31/03/2023)*
- *Wirral Community Health and Care NHS Foundation Trust: 1 year (ends 31/03/2023)*

Halton

- *Bridgewater Community Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust: 1 year (ends 31/03/2023)*

Knowsley

- *MerseyCare NHS Foundation Trust: 1 year (ends 31/03/2023)*

Liverpool

- *MerseyCare NHS Foundation Trust: 1 year (ends 31/03/2023)*

Sefton

- *MerseyCare NHS Foundation Trust: 5 year plus 2 year extension option (ends 30/04/2026)*

St Helens

- *Bridgewater Community Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust: 1 year (ends 31/03/2023).*

Warrington

- *Bridgewater Community Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust: 1 year (ends 31/03/2023).*

Wirral

- *Wirral Community Health and Care NHS Foundation Trust: 1 year (ends 31/03/2023).*

Your Request:

5) Who is the current provider of approved repair services (AR)? (if different from WCS)

Our Response:

5) Please find listed below details of the current WCS AR provider(s) in each of the former CCG areas:

Cheshire

- *Same as WCS provider listed in previous responses.*

Halton

- *Same as WCS provider listed in previous responses.*

Knowsley

- *Same as WCS provider listed in previous responses.*

Liverpool

- Same as WCS provider listed in previous responses.

Sefton

- Same as WCS provider listed in previous responses.

St Helens

- Same as WCS provider listed in previous responses.

Warrington

- Same as WCS provider listed in previous responses.

Wirral

- Same as WCS provider listed in previous responses.

Your Request:

6) What is the total value of the AR contract?

Our Response:

6) Please find listed below details of the WCS AR contract values in each of the former CCG areas:

Cheshire

- Included in WCS provider contract.

Halton

- Included in WCS provider contract.

Knowsley

- Included in WCS provider contract.

Liverpool

- Included in WCS provider contract.

Sefton

- Included in WCS provider contract.

St Helens

- Included in WCS provider contract.

Warrington

- Included in WCS provider contract.

Wirral

- Included in WCS provider contract.

Your Request:

7) What is the duration of the AR contract?

8) What is the end date of the AR contract? When would the new tender be released?

Our Response:

7 - 8) Please find listed below details of the WCS contract duration and end dates in each of the former CCG areas:

Cheshire

- See response to Q3/4.

Halton

- See response to Q3/4.

Knowsley

- See response to Q3/4.

Liverpool

- See response to Q3/4.

Sefton

- See response to Q3/4.

St Helens

- See response to Q3/4.

Warrington

- See response to Q3/4.

Wirral

- See response to Q3/4.

Your Request:

9) Were these contracts (WCS and AR) direct awards or tenders? Was there an option for direct award and what framework was accessed?

Our Response:

9) Please find listed below details of how the current WCS and AR contracts were awarded in each of the former CCG areas:

Cheshire

- *Central Cheshire Integrated Care Partnership / Wirral Community Health and Care NHS Foundation Trust:* current contracts commissioned under most capable provider at the time.

Halton

Bridgewater Community Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust: current contract commissioned based on longstanding contract with this NHS provider.

Knowsley

Merseycare NHS Foundation Trust: Information not held as originally commissioned in 2009/10 by Primary Care Trust.

Liverpool

Merseycare NHS Foundation Trust: Information not held as originally commissioned in 2009/10 as part of by Primary Care Trust.

Sefton

Merseycare NHS Foundation Trust: awarded as part of community services tender.

St Helens

Bridgewater Community Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust: current contract commissioned based on longstanding contract with this NHS provider.

Warrington

Bridgewater Community Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust: current contract commissioned based on longstanding contract with this NHS provider.

Wirral

- Wirral Community Health and Care NHS Foundation Trust: included as part of the annual block contract renewal with provider.

Your Request:

10) Is specialist seating provision included in the WCS provision? If not, who is the provider, and what are the contract value, duration, end date and new tender release date?

Our Response:

10) Please find listed below details of whether specialist seating provision is included in the WCS provision in each of the former CCG areas:

Cheshire

Specialist seating included in the WCS contract.

Halton

Specialist seating included in the WCS contract.

Knowsley

Specialist seating included in the WCS contract.

Liverpool

Specialist seating included in the WCS contract.

Sefton

Specialist seating included in the WCS contract.

St Helens

Specialist seating included in the WCS contract.

Warrington

Specialist seating included in the WCS contract.

Wirral

Specialist seating included in the WCS contract.

Your Request:

11) Is Children's and adult's wheelchair provision/ maintenance within the same contract? If not could you please provide the requested metrics for each?

Our Response:

11) Please find listed below details of whether children's/adult wheelchair provision/maintenance is included in the WCS contract in each of the former CCG areas:

Cheshire

Children's/adult wheelchair provision/maintenance included in the WCS contract.

Halton

Children's/adult wheelchair provision/maintenance included in the WCS contract.

Knowsley

Children's/adult wheelchair provision/maintenance included in the WCS contract.

Liverpool

Children's/adult wheelchair provision/maintenance included in the WCS contract.

Sefton

Children's/adult wheelchair provision/maintenance included in the WCS contract.

St Helens

Children's/adult wheelchair provision/maintenance included in the WCS contract.

Warrington

Children's/adult wheelchair provision/maintenance included in the WCS contract.

Wirral

Children's/adult wheelchair provision/maintenance included in the WCS contract.

Your Request:

12) What is the number of patients served? (Current number and contractual target)

Our Response:

12) Please find listed below the most recent numbers of total patients currently served by WCS in each of the former CCG areas:

Cheshire

6,500

Halton

2, 249

Knowsley

Information not held please refer to provider*

Liverpool

Information not held please refer to provider*

Sefton

2,271.

St Helens

2,180

Warrington

3,280

Wirral

Information not held please refer to provider**

Your Request:

13) What share of the current WCS-AR expenditure currently spent by NHS facilities (i.e. insourced) will be tendered to outsourced providers in the next contractual cycle?

Our Response:

13) NHS Cheshire Integrated Care Board does not hold information specifically on what share of current WCS/AR expenditure currently spent by NHS facilities will be tendered to outsourced providers in the next contractual cycle.

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