

**Your Request:**

**I am looking for some information to be answered under the Freedom of Information Act relating to the Additional roles reimbursement scheme (ARRS) underspend which Primary Care Networks (PCNs) can bid for, as was the initial agreement between PCNs and CCGs before the latter was abolished.**

**In this context, ARRS underspend refers to money that had been ringfenced for the ARRS which has not been claimed. This query relates to financial year 2022/23. My questions are as below:**

**1) How much ARRS underspend has the ICB record in its footprint?**

**Our Response:**

1) Please be advised the NHS Cheshire & Merseyside ICB are still working with our local PCNs regarding year end forecasts for ARRS spend. On current assumptions it is anticipated that total ARRS expenditure will underspend the maximum ARRS resources available by approximately £9.5m, based on the ARRS roles that have been recruited to in line with guidance for the 2022/23 financial year.

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**2) Does the ICB intend to reallocate this money to PCNs?**

**Our Response:**

2) No, as this is not available under the reimbursement scheme.

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**3) How many bids did the ICB receive for this money in the financial year 2022/23?**

**4) On average, how much did each bid ask for in the financial year 2022/23?**

**5) Can you share the bids the ICB received for this underspend? And can these documents be shared in a way to account for the large file size?**

**6) How many of these bids were successful?**

**7) How much money will be redistributed?**

**8) When will this money be redistributed?**

**9) If the money is not redistributed, what will it be used for?**

**Our Response:**

3 - 9) As previously advised, reallocation/redistribution of ARRS underspend is not available under the reimbursement scheme.