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Dear

### Re: Freedom of Information Request

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request received on 12 December 2019, with regards to Musculoskeletal Services (MSK).

### Request/Response

#### 1) Details of Musculoskeletal Services (MSK)

a) Do you operate an integrated (iMSK) MSK offering? If yes – can you specify what services (for example: orthopaedics, physiotherapy, rheumatology, pain management etc.) form part of your iMSK offering?	<b>Integrated Community MSK which includes: Physiotherapy, Rheumatology, Orthopaedics, Pain Management, Podiatry Services</b>
b) If you do not provide an integrated MSK service, do you plan on implementing an iMSK offering in the future?	<b>Not applicable</b>
c) Do you operate a single point of access (SPOA) for MSK patients? Do patients need a GP referral to access this service?	<b>Yes The patient requires a referral from the GP via Liverpool CCG Choose and Book Service</b>
d) Could you provide a copy of your current service specification for the MSK service and patient pathway(s)?	<b>Liverpool CCG is in the process of reviewing the service specification and due to this not having been through our internal governance processes is not available for external circulation</b>

2) Spend on MSK services:

e) What was the total spend on MSK services in the last financial year in your CCG?	<b>Total Liverpool CCG spend for problems of MSK system in the last financial year was £47.78m. This excludes spend at the Walton Centre as the block contract is for neurosurgery which includes physiotherapy and pain management and we are unable to break down these costs</b>
f) Could you provide a breakdown of the MSK spend on community services, vs acute?	<b>Mersey Care NHS Trust provides a Community Service. Acute Trusts also provide MCAS in the community, however, these form part of the respective block contract totals and we are unable to break down these costs</b>

3) Procurement of MSK services:

Please complete the tables below with the details of all current providers of MSK services

Current Provider	Contract Start Date	Contract Length (exc. potential extensions)	Any potential contract extensions?	Contract Type (e.g. Block, Cost & Volume, PBR etc)	Estimated Annual Value (£)	Services included (e.g. physio, mCATs, Rheumatology etc.)
The Royal Liverpool Hospital	Rolling NHS Contract	Rolling NHS Contract	Rolling NHS Contract	Block	23,543,665	Orthopaedic, pain management, MCAS, podiatry, physiotherapy
Aintree Hospital	Rolling NHS Contract	Rolling NHS Contract	Rolling NHS Contract	Block	13,131,208	Orthopaedic, podiatry, MCAS, physiotherapy
The Walton Centre	Rolling NHS Contract	Rolling NHS Contract	Rolling NHS Contract	Block	Refer to comments in response to Q2	Block contract includes physiotherapy and pain management
Mersey Care	Rolling NHS Contract	Rolling NHS Contract	Rolling NHS Contract	Block	4,099,692	Podiatry
Spire Liverpool	Rolling NHS Contract	Rolling NHS Contract	Rolling NHS Contract	Payment by result (PbR)	7,010,354	Orthopaedics, pain management, physiotherapy

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Should you require any further information, clarification regarding this response or do not feel that your request has been answered as you would expect, please contact us to discuss.

Yours sincerely

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NHS Liverpool CCG