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Dear Richard Derricutt,

Re: Freedom of Information Act 2000
Primary-Care Capacity in Nantwich and Stapeley

Thank you for your email of 21 September 2026, in which you request clarification in relation to NHS Cheshire & Merseyside ICB's previous response to your Freedom of Information request.

NHS Cheshire & Merseyside ICB has undertaken a review of our previous response to you of 21 September 2026 and considered your comments in respect of the clarification you are seeking. We can now provide you with the following response.

You previously asked:

1) Please provide the latest recorded or published primary-care capacity assessment covering Nantwich South and Stapeley.

2) For GP practices normally serving this area, please provide or direct me to a) the latest registered-patient list size and b) full-time-equivalent GP figure.

3) Please also provide any forecast of patient growth arising from committed or planned housing, any identified premises or workforce constraints, and any funded expansion or developer-contribution projects with expected delivery dates.

Our Previous Response:

1) NHS Cheshire & Merseyside ICB does not hold any information specifically in relation to a capacity assessment for primary care covering the Nantwich South and Stapeley area.

2a) Please be advised that the most up to date data on registered patient list sizes is published and publicly available on the NHS Business Service Authority website via the following link: https://www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/prescription-data/organisation-data/practice-list-size-and-gp-count-each-practice

2b) NHS Cheshire & Merseyside ICB does not hold information on the full time equivalent GP figures for GP Practices. You may find this information published on individual GP Practice websites, or alternatively GP workforce data is published and publicly available on the NHS Digital website via the following link: https://digital.nhs.uk/data-and-information/publications/statistical/general-and-personal-medical-services

3) Forecasted patient growth is determined based on local plan allocations determined through Cheshire East Council: https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/planning/spatial-planning/cheshire_east_local_plan/site-allocations-and-policies/site_allocations_and_policies.aspx

Assumed population increases are assessed as per the Developer Contributions Supplementary Planning Document, with assumed population increase of 2.3 per dwelling. https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/planning/spatial-planning/cheshire_east_local_plan/supplementary_plan_documents/supplementary_plan_documents.aspx

Where Section 106 monies are secured, these are spent in line with the terms of the Section 106 agreement. These can be found online using the application number via: https://pa.cheshireeast.gov.uk/planning/index.html?fa=search

The ICB routinely requests Section 106 Developer contribution to mitigate impact on local health care infrastructure. NHS Cheshire & Merseyside ICB is not aware of any current planned expansion projected for Church View Health Centre in Nantwich, but this will continue to be reviewed as the refresh of the local plan and additional planning applications are received.

Your Clarification Request:

Thank you for your response dated 24 August 2026 concerning primary-care capacity in Nantwich South and Stapeley. The response provides useful information, but several elements of my original request do not appear to have been answered fully. Please therefore clarify:

1) Which GP practices the ICB considers normally to serve Nantwich South and Stapeley. If the ICB does not define practice catchments in this way, please confirm that.

2) Whether the ICB holds any information identifying premises or workforce constraints affecting those practices. If no such information is held, please confirm this explicitly.

3) Whether any numerical forecast of additional patients arising from committed or planned housing in this area has been prepared. The response explains the assumption of 2.3 people per dwelling but does not provide an actual forecast.

4) Whether any Section 106 healthcare contributions have been requested, secured, received or allocated in connection with developments in Nantwich South or Stapeley. If so, please provide the relevant planning-application references, amounts, intended purposes and anticipated delivery dates.

5) Whether there are any funded or planned expansion projects affecting any of the GP practices serving the area, rather than Church View Health Centre alone. If none are known, please confirm this.

Our Clarification Response:

1) Please find listed below the GP Practices for the Nantwich South and Stapeley areas:

- Nantwich Health Centre
- Kiltearn Medical Centre
- Tudor Surgery

2) NHS Cheshire & Merseyside ICB does not hold any information relating to premises or workforce constraints affecting the above listed GP Practices.

3) NHS Cheshire & Merseyside ICB does not hold any information in relation to numerical forecast of additional patients arising from committed or planned housing in the area of Nantwich South and Stapeley. Please note that forecasts are done on receipt of individual planning applications due to the requirement to understand proposed housing mixes from prospective developers. The Local Plan produced by Cheshire East Council details site allocations but does not identify potential population increases.

4) NHS Cheshire & Merseyside ICB holds information identifying Section 106 has been requested in line with the below listed planning applications. The ICB does not currently hold information if these have been approved and if Section 106 monies have been identified

- 25/2977/OUT
- 24/4242/FUL
- 24/4223/FUL
- 24/4228/OUT

5) Due to the nature of Section 106 monies, the GP contractual boundaries would necessitate the identification of mitigation projects predominately for Church View Health Centre, but may extended to wider Primary Care Network/ Neighbourhood Service delivery within Audlem, Wrenbury and the surrounding rural areas.

Your Review Request:

Thank you for the review response dated 21 September 2026.
The response provides useful clarification, but it still does not fully address the information requested. Before referring the matter to the

Information Commissioner's Office, please could the ICB address the following points.

1) Patient-growth forecasts

The response states that forecasts are prepared when individual planning applications are received.

Please therefore disclose the forecasts, calculations or assessments held for the following applications, including the assumed additional patient population:

- **25/2977/OUT**
- **24/4242/FUL**
- **24/4223/FUL**
- **24/4228/OUT**

Please also include any other application-specific forecast held concerning committed or planned development in Nantwich South or Stapeley.

2) Section 106 contributions

The ICB confirms that it holds information showing that Section 106 contributions were requested for these four applications. However, it has supplied only the application references.

My request also covered the amounts, intended purposes and anticipated delivery dates.

Please disclose the ICB's consultation responses, contribution requests, calculations, schedules and relevant correspondence for each application. Alternatively, please provide:

- **the amount requested;**
- **the calculation used;**
- **the proposed recipient practice, premises or service;**
- **the intended mitigation project;**
- **whether the contribution was secured, received or allocated, where the ICB holds that information; and**
- **any payment trigger or anticipated delivery date.**

For example, Cheshire East's committee report for 24/4223/FUL records an NHS requirement of £904 per apartment. This produces a contribution of £44,296. This indicates that more detailed information exists than has been supplied.

If any information is being withheld, please identify the relevant Freedom of Information Act exemption and explain why it applies.

3) Funded or planned projects

The response says that mitigation projects would be predominantly for Church View Health Centre but might extend to the wider Primary Care Network or neighbourhood services.

This does not answer whether any funded or planned project is actually known.

Please confirm expressly whether the ICB holds information about any funded, proposed or planned premises, capacity or service-expansion project affecting:

- **Nantwich Health Centre;**
- **Kiltearn Medical Centre;**
- **Tudor Surgery;**
- **Church View Health Centre; or**
- **the relevant Primary Care Network or neighbourhood service.**

If such information is held, please disclose the project, status, funding source and expected timescale. If none is held, please confirm that expressly.

4) Searches undertaken

Given that application-specific forecasts and contribution requests have been prepared, please explain which teams and record systems were searched before concluding that no information about premises or workforce constraints was held. In particular, please confirm whether primary-care commissioning, estates, planning and relevant Primary Care Network records were considered.

Please treat this as an opportunity to complete the response to my existing request and internal review, rather than as a new Freedom of Information request.

I would be grateful for a substantive response within seven calendar days. If the outstanding matters cannot be resolved, I intend to refer the handling of the request to the Information Commissioner's Office.

Our Review Response:

1 - 2) Please be advised that all consultation responses submitted by the ICB are published and readily available on Cheshire East Council's planning portal, Viewing planning applications the relevant planning application can be searched and any NHS consultation responses provided, including calculations, forecasts and assessments regarding this is publicly available and published by the Local Authority as a consultation response.

NHS Cheshire & Merseyside ICB does not hold any other application-specific forecasts concerning committed or planned development in Nantwich South or Stapeley.

3) There are currently no funded, proposed or planned premises projects relating to the premises or services detailed above. This continues to be actively reviewed as part of any wider commissioning or service redesign considerations as a result of the NHS 10-Year Plan.

4) The responses to your Freedom of Information request were provided by NHS Cheshire & Merseyside ICBs Estates Team, following a search of the records and information held by this function.

I hope that this response has sufficiently addressed your request for a review of our previous response to your Freedom of Information request.

Where you remain dissatisfied with our review under the Freedom of Information Act or the Environmental Information Regulations, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioners Office (ICO) for a review of your appeal decision.
The ICO can be contacted at;

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Should you need any further clarification or assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us quoting the above FOI reference.

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