

Our ref: FOI 5562

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## Re: Freedom of Information Request

Please find below the response to your recent Freedom of Information request regarding the commissioning of cough assist machines for people with neuromuscular conditions within NHS Southport and Formby CCG.

### Request/Response:

1. Do you have a local commissioning policy in place for the provision of cough assist machines for patients with a neuromuscular condition?

No

2. Do you have a local commissioning policy in place for the provision of cough assist machines for patients with a motor neurone disorder?

No

3. If yes to 1 or 2 which of the following applies?

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| a. Applicable to adults                           | Yes | No |
| b. Applicable to children                         | Yes | No |
| c. Included in individual funding request process | Yes | No |
| d. Explicit inclusion in a provider contract      | Yes | No |

i. If yes please specify which \_

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| e. Other local arrangement | Yes | No |
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N/A

4. Do you hold any data on the number of patients in your CCG population that:

- a. Currently have access to a cough assist machine?

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b. Would benefit from access to a cough assist machine?

NHS Southport and Formby CCG does not hold this data. Please redirect your request to the providers of this service as listed below:-

Aintree Hospitals NHS Trust - [FOIrequests@aintree.nhs.uk](mailto:FOIrequests@aintree.nhs.uk)

Alder Hey Children's Hospital NHS Trust - [info.gov@alderhey.nhs.uk](mailto:info.gov@alderhey.nhs.uk)

5. If so could you please share this data?

N/A

6. Do you have any comments you would like to make regarding access to cough assist machines?

No