

Cheshire & Merseyside ICB Publication of The Health Care Services (Provider Selection Regime) Regulations 2023 Decisions in 2025/2026

2025-2026

Direct Award A The number of contracts awarded in the year to which the summary relates where Direct Award Process A	332
Direct Award B The number of contracts awarded in the year to which the summary relates where Direct Award Process B	588
Direct Award C The number of contracts awarded in the year to which the summary relates where Direct Award Process C	105
Most Suitable Provider The number of contracts awarded in the year to which the summary relates where the Most Suitable Provider Process was followed	0
Competitive Process The number of contracts awarded in the year to which the summary relates where the Competitive Process was followed	4
Framework Agreements concluded The number of framework agreements concluded in the year to which the summary relates;	0
Framework Agreements utilised The number of contracts awarded based on a framework agreement in the year to which the summary relates	0
Urgent Awards and Urgent Contract Modifications The number of contracts awarded and modifications made in reliance on regulation 14 (urgent award or modification) in the year to which the summary relates	2
Number of New Providers whom a contract has been awarded The number of new providers to whom a contract was awarded in the year to which the summary relates	93
Number of Providers who ceased to hold contracts with the relevant authority The number of providers who held a contract in the previous year but no longer hold any contracts in the year to which the summary relates	10
Number of representations received during standstill period The number of written representations made in accordance with regulation 12(3) and received during standstill periods which ended in the year to which the summary relates and a summary of the nature and impact of those representations.	5

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Contract Award / Procurement	Representation basis	Outcome
Direct Award C process for a 12 month contract for Age related macular degeneration in Cheshire Place	The ICB should have gone to open competition for the service as there had been a considerable change in the value of the contract greater than 25%	Further information was provided, including a copy of the service specification and confirmation that the increased cost was as a result of increased activity not as a result of a decision by the ICB, so the 25% maximum does not apply.
Value – circa £3.5m pa		Furthermore, as this is an urgent service, it is not eligible for patient choice
		The appellant chose not to pursue the representation further
Direct Award C process for Community based non-emergency transport service for elderly patients in Congleton	The appellant requested further detail on the basis of the service including the value, details of the specification, the cost model and why a tender had not been sought.	Further information was provided to confirm that this is a volunteer driver contract, limited to a small number of journeys per day at a set rate per mile and only in the Congleton area.
Value - £9k pa		The appellant chose not to pursue the representation further
Tender outcome for the Nixon Street Supported Living service	Two separate bidders who did not win the tender due to non-compliant bids, submitted a representation / challenge that they perceived the evaluation process had been unfair or incorrectly conducted and their bids should have been deemed compliant and fully evaluated.	A formal PSR representation panel was convened internally. This was Chaired by the ICB Chief Procurement Officer with two ICB Directors present to review the tender and evaluation process to ensure it was comprehensive and fair.
Value - £1.1m pa		The outcome of the panel was that they upheld the original tender evaluation process and there were no grounds to change the outcome that the providers bids were non-compliant
		The appellants chose not to pursue the representation further

Direct Award C process to award a Non-Emergency patient transport service to West Midlands ambulance Service for 2 years	An alternative provider submitted a representation in relation to the use of Direct award C as the procurement decision route for a 2 year contract and that the contract value had increased by 26%	An internal review was concluded and the Finance, Investment and Contracting Committee approved the abandonment of the Cheshire and Merseyside Lot of the North West wide tender process for NEPTS due to procedural issues identified
Value £15.1m pa	In addition they cited concerns that a competitive tender route had not been sought.	The appellants chose not to pursue the representation further

In addition, relevant authorities are expected to publish:

Total number of providers the relevant authority is currently contracted with	1667
Details of any reviews by the Independent Patient Choice and Procurement Panel:	0
Number of requests for consideration received by the Independent Patient Choice and Procurement Panel	5
Number of requests accepted and rejected by the Independent Patient Choice and Procurement Panel for consideration	0
Number of times where the Independent Patient Choice and Procurement Panel advised the relevant authority to re-run or go back to an earlier step in a provider selection process under the PSR, and the number of times the advice was followed.	0