Your Request:

1) How many people in your area have been diagnosed with MS?

2) If possible, please provide a breakdown of those with Remitting MS and those with Progressive MS (including Secondary Progressive).

3) If possible, please provide a breakdown of 2) above showing those that are Male or Female and age (within bands of 10 years from 0 upwards).

Our Response:

Please find listed below the information held by each of the former CCG areas that now make up NHS Cheshire & Merseyside ICB in respect of patients diagnosed with MS data.

Cheshire
1) Currently there are 1,963 Cheshire patients registered with a diagnosis of MS.
2) Of those 1,963 patients, 131 are recorded as remitting, 53 are recorded as progressive and 1,779 do not have either form of MS recorded.
3) Please find listed below the breakdown of Cheshire patients recorded with a diagnosis of MS by age band/gender*.

	Female	Male
0-9	0	0
10-19	0	0
20-29	43	15
30-39	143	45
40-49	256	87
50-59	364	152
60-69	312	124
70-79	223	99
80-89	66	24
90-99	9	1
100+	0	0
Total	1,416	547

Halton
1) Currently there are 218 Halton patients registered with a diagnosis of MS.
2) Of those 218 patients, 21 are recorded as remitting, 11 are recorded as progressive and 1,86 do not have either form of MS recorded.
3) Please find listed below the breakdown of Halton patients recorded with a diagnosis of MS by age band/gender*.

	Female	Male

0-9	0	0
10-19	1	0
20-29	3	4
30-39	16	6
40-49	30	14
50-59	38	21
60-69	32	14
70-79	22	10
80-89	4	2
90-99	1	0
100+	0	0
Total	147	71

Knowsley
1 - 3) Information not held.

Liverpool
1) Currently there are 762 Liverpool patients registered with a diagnosis of MS.
2) Of those 762 patients, 97 are recorded as remitting, 30 are recorded as progressive and 635 do not have either form of MS recorded.
3) Please find listed below the breakdown of Liverpool patients recorded with a diagnosis of MS by age band/gender*.

	Female	Male
0-9	0	0
10-19	2	1
20-29	34	13
30-39	71	38
40-49	82	46
50-59	143	68
60-69	123	39
70-79	66	18
80-89	8	7
90-99	0	3
100+	0	0
Total	529	233

South Sefton/Southport & Formby
1) Information not held.

St Helens
1) Currently there are 307 St Helens patients registered with a diagnosis of MS.
2) Of those 307 patients, 29 are recorded as remitting, 13 are recorded as progressive and 265 do not have either form of MS recorded.
3) Please find listed below the breakdown of St Helens patients recorded with a diagnosis of MS by age band/gender*.

	Female	Male
0-9	0	0

	Female	Male
10-19	0	0
20-29	12	2
30-39	22	8
40-49	34	21
50-59	52	28
60-69	46	27
70-79	28	12
80-89	11	4
90-99	0	0
100+	0	0
Total	205	102

Warrington

1) Currently there are 394 Warrington patients registered with a diagnosis of MS.

2) Of those 394 patients, 45 are recorded as remitting, 14 are recorded as progressive and 335 do not have either form of MS recorded.

3) Please find listed below the breakdown of Warrington patients recorded with a diagnosis of MS by age band/gender*.

	Female	Male
0-9	0	0
10-19	1	1
20-29	12	0
30-39	25	11
40-49	53	18
50-59	64	38
60-69	65	26
70-79	42	18
80-89	12	5
90-99	2	0
100+	0	0
Total	277	117

Wirral

1) Currently there are 681 Wirral patients registered with a diagnosis of MS.

2) Of those 681 patients, 68 are recorded as remitting, 29 are recorded as progressive and 584 do not have either form of MS recorded.

3) Please find listed below the breakdown of Wirral patients recorded with a diagnosis of MS by age band/gender*.

	Female	Male
0-9	0	0
10-19	1	0
20-29	20	3
30-39	50	13
40-49	68	40
50-59	121	52

60-69	110	59
70-79	78	27
80-89	27	6
90-99	5	1
100+	0	0
Total	480	201

*Please note that we are unable to provide the data broken by Remitting MS/Progressive MS by gender/age band. as the data in this form has the potential to identify individual patient's diagnosis information, based on their location/age/gender. This decision has been taken in line with *Section 40(2): Personal Information* of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, as this information in the requested format could constitute personal data.

Your Request:

4) What is the total annual funding provided in respect of MS. Please provide a breakdown of the funding that relates to "core service provision" and the amount that relates to individual treatment (such as cost of medication, etc).

5) If funding is being used for the provision of medication, please say what the average annual spend is for those patients who have Remitting MS and those that have Progressive MS (if data is available).

6) In relation to those patients who have Secondary Progressive MS, do you help fund the cost of the patient receiving Siponimod (Mayzent). If yes, please provide the total number of cases where funding is being provided and average annual spend. If you do not provide funding for such cases, would you consider to do so if the patient contributed towards the funding?

Our Response:

4 - 6) Please note that spend is not specifically recorded in the category of MS or by patient treatment. Services for MS would fall under the wider remit of healthcare services commissioned, such as Neurology etc. with no separately identified spend specifically for MS patients/services within this.

Please be advised that MS medications fall under the commissioning responsibility of NHS England via their specialised commissioning functions. You may therefore wish to redirect your request for this information to NHS England, who can be contacted for Freedom of Information requests via: england.contactus@nhs.net.

Your Request:

7) If known, do you contribute towards the domiciliary care costs of patients who have Progressive MS (including Secondary Progressive). If so, please say the average annual spend.

Our Response:

7) Any domiciliary care costs for patients who have progressive MS (including Secondary Progressive) would fall under the remit of NHS Continuing Healthcare (CHC) funding. However, there is no specific separately recorded category for MS patients in receipt of CHC to enable us to identity this spend.