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Re: Your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000
Ref no: FOI-3590-LSC

Thank you for your request dated 21 March 2024

We can confirm that the ICB does hold the information you requested.

Please find our response to your questions below:

Dear NHS Lancashire and South Cumbria Integrated Care Board,

Under freedom of information legislation I would be grateful if you could respond to the following questions concerning the community pharmacy independent prescribing pathfinder programme:

1. How many Pathfinder sites did you have within your area as at 31 January 2024?

We had 7 sites.

2. How many Pathfinder sites do you have within your area now?

We have 7 sites.

3. How many expressions of interest/applications were received to take part in the Pathfinder pilot in your area?

We received 18 EOIs.

4. What criteria were used to score expressions of interest/applications?

The criteria used to score included: Pharmacy opening hours, Index of multiple deprivation for geographical area, responses to the EOI questions and feedback from contracting team, commissioners, LPC and the CDAO.

The EOI questions included asking for details on availability of IP pharmacists, the support and supervision that could be given, Governance arrangements, Clinical risk mitigation, premises standards, number of available consultation rooms.

5. How many of those who expressed an interest/applicants were accepted from the total that applied?

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6. Please provide details of how much will those (i.e. a contractor) receive for taking part in the Pathfinder programme including any set up payment, monthly payments etc.

They will receive a set-up fee of £1,500 and an additional £500 for the complex condition aspect of the service.

The hourly payment is £49.44. Each pathfinder site can claim up to 24 sessions per month (each session is 4 hours and therefore £198 per session) when they start providing the pathfinder programme.

Right of Appeal

Should you require any further information or clarification regarding this response please do not hesitate to contact us. If you are dissatisfied with the response, you are entitled to request an internal review which should be formally requested in writing and must be within two calendar months from the date this response was issued.

To request an internal review

You can request this by contacting the FOI team by email at MLCSU.FOITeam@nhs.net or by post to Jubilee House, Lancashire Business Park, Leyland, PR26 6TR, specifying why you require a review.

If you are not content with the outcome of your internal review, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) for a decision. Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the CCGs FOI complaints procedure. The ICO can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF
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Yours sincerely

**On behalf of Kevin Lavery
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