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Re: Your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000
Ref no: FOI-3893-LSC

Thank you for your request dated 23 February 2024.

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

Please find our response to your questions below:

Q1	<p>Your Question:</p> <p><u>Service Providers:</u></p> <p>Please provide the names of the trusts or organisations within your area/jurisdiction that provide wheelchair and Postural Seating services. If there is more than one, kindly include all.</p> <p>Our Response:</p> <p>Wheelchair services are with NHS providers in the area ie Lancashire Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust. There is no separate recorded provider for postural seating services specifically within the ICB financial ledger. The ICB do commission community equipment services via Medequip Assistive Technology Ltd.</p>
Q2	<p>Your Question:</p> <p><u>Financial Information:</u></p> <p>What is the current annual budget/expenditure for each organisation to provide wheelchair and Postural Seating services?</p> <p>Our Response:</p> <p>Wheelchair services and postural seating services - the spend is within contracts with the providers which covers multiple services. Costs for wheelchairs and postural seating are not subject to separate contract values or payment arrangements.</p>
Q3	<p>Your Question:</p> <p>What has the budget been in the previous three financial years?</p> <p>Our Response:</p> <p>As per response to question 2 above.</p>
Q4	<p>Your Question:</p>

	<p><u>Staffing Budget:</u></p> <p>What is the current staffing budget for each service?</p> <p>Our Response:</p> <p>As per response to question 2 above.</p>
Q5	<p>Your Question:</p> <p>What has the staffing budget been in the previous three financial years?</p> <p>Our Response:</p> <p>As per response to question 2 above.</p>
Q6	<p>Your Question:</p> <p><u>Staffing Breakdown:</u></p> <p>Please provide the current breakdown on grades/bands by profession (OT/Physiotherapist/Technicians etc) for each wheelchair and Postural Seating service (funded establishment in WTE and current WTE).</p> <p>Our Response:</p> <p>We do not hold this information. Please redirect to the following provider:</p> <p>https://www.lancsteachinghospitals.nhs.uk/freedom-of-information</p>
Q7	<p>Your Question:</p> <p><u>Patient Information:</u></p> <p>What are the current patient numbers currently registered with the service? Please provide a split between children and adults.</p> <p>Our Response:</p> <p>This information is publicly available for all ICBS</p> <p>https://www.england.nhs.uk/statistics/statistical-work-areas/national-wheelchair/national-wheelchair-data-collection-quarterly-publication-files-2023-24/</p> <p>https://www.england.nhs.uk/statistics/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/2024/02/National-Wheelchair-Data-Collection-Results-October-December-2023.xlsx</p>

Q8	<p>Your Question:</p> <p>What is the number of new patients referred to the service in the past 4 quarters? Please break it down into quarters (Q1, Q2, Q3. Q4) and include adults and children separately.</p> <p>Our Response:</p> <p>This information is publicly available for all ICBS</p> <p>https://www.england.nhs.uk/statistics/statistical-work-areas/national-wheelchair/national-wheelchair-data-collection-quarterly-publication-files-2023-24/</p> <p>https://www.england.nhs.uk/statistics/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/2024/02/National-Wheelchair-Data-Collection-Results-October-December-2023.xlsx</p>
Q9	<p>Your Question:</p> <p>What is the number of patients re-referred to the service in the past 4 quarters? Please break it down into quarters (Q1, Q2, Q3. Q4) and include adults and children separately.</p> <p>Our Response:</p> <p>This information is publicly available for all ICBS</p> <p>https://www.england.nhs.uk/statistics/statistical-work-areas/national-wheelchair/national-wheelchair-data-collection-quarterly-publication-files-2023-24/</p> <p>https://www.england.nhs.uk/statistics/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/2024/02/National-Wheelchair-Data-Collection-Results-October-December-2023.xlsx</p>
Q10	<p>Your Question:</p> <p>Average wait times for patients from referral to treatment/assessment in the past 4 quarters? Please break it down into quarters (Q1, Q2, Q3. Q4) and include adults and children separately.</p> <p>Our Response:</p> <p>Please redirect your question to the below providers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • https://elht.nhs.uk/about-us/freedom-of-information • https://www.lscft.nhs.uk/about-us/publications-reports-policies/freedom-information • https://www.lancsteachinghospitals.nhs.uk/freedom-of-information • https://www.blackpoolteachinghospitals.nhs.uk/services/information-governance/freedom-information-foi • https://sthk.merseywestlancs.nhs.uk/freedom-of-information-guidance • https://www.uhmb.nhs.uk/our-trust/freedom-information

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 40 working days 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 Leyland 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
www.ico.gov.uk

Yours sincerely

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**On behalf of Kevin Lavery
ICB Chief Executive**