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Re: Your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000

Ref no: FOI-3964-LSC

Thank you for your request dated 02 April 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>How many SPLWs are employed by Primary Care Networks (PCNs) in your Integrated Care System (ICS) in Lancashire and South Cumbria? Please give the number of heads and WTE if possible.</p> <p>Our Response:</p> <p>113.06 WTE SPLWs are employed by Lancashire and South Cumbria PCNs.</p>
Q2	<p>Your Question:</p> <p>Does each PCN in your ICS employ a SPLW?</p> <p>Our Response:</p> <p>Yes, each PCN in Lancashire and South Cumbria employs a SPLW either directly or through a sub-contracting arrangement.</p>
Q3	<p>Your Question:</p> <p>Do any PCNs share a SPLW (or employ the same SPLW as another PCN)?</p> <p>Our Response:</p> <p>Lancashire and South Cumbria ICB does not hold this information.</p>
Q4	<p>Your Question:</p> <p>Are there any SPLWs in your ICS who are employed by organisations other than PCNs? If so, do you know how many and who employs them?</p> <p>Our Response:</p> <p>Unknown.</p>
Q5	<p>Your Question:</p> <p>Please tell me how many patients/clients were referred to (a) PCN-employed SPLWs and (b) other SPLWs based in your ICS during the financial year 2022-23 or calendar year 23, whichever is easier.</p>

	Our Response: Data is held by individual PCNs and not the ICB.
Q6	Your Question: Which body is responsible for monitoring the activities of SPLWs (e.g., ICB, PCN)?
	Our Response: PCN/Employer.

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

**On behalf of Kevin Lavery
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