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10 May 2024

Re: Your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000
Ref no: FOI 3998 LSC

Thank you for your request dated 15 April 2024.

We can confirm that does not hold hold the information you requested.

Please find our response to your questions below:

<p>Q1</p>	<p>Your Question:</p> <p>The number of outpatient ophthalmology (treatment function code 130) appointments for first attendance (WF01B) commissioned by the ICB from the following companies for the financial year 2022/23 and the amount paid by the ICB to these companies for delivering these outpatient appointments in 2022/23.</p> <p>Spamedica</p> <p>Newmedica</p> <p>Optegra</p> <p>Community Health Eye and Care Limited</p> <p>Anglia Community Eye Services Limited.</p> <hr/> <p>Our Response:</p> <p>NewMedica and Optegra: A full data set has not been submitted, therefore we do not have accurate numbers to provide</p> <p>SpaMedica: WF01B 7,830 - £1,162,083</p> <p>Community Health Eye and Care Limited: WF01B 10,966 - £1,655,866</p> <p>Anglia Community Eye Services Limited: WF01B 0 - £0</p>
<p>Q2</p>	<p>Your Question:</p> <p>The number of outpatient ophthalmology appointments for follow up attendance</p>

	<p>(WF01A) commissioned by the ICB from the following companies for the financial year 2022/23 and the amount paid by the ICB to these companies for delivering these outpatient appointments in 2022/23:</p> <p>Spamedica</p> <p>Newmedica</p> <p>Optegra</p> <p>Community Health Eye and Care Limited</p> <p>Anglia Community Eye Services Limited.</p> <p>The subcontracting of outpatient ophthalmology appointments</p> <hr/> <p>Our Response:</p> <p>NewMedica and Optegra: A full data set has not been submitted, therefore we do not have accurate numbers to provide</p> <p>SpaMedica: WF01A 9,615 - £644,978</p> <p>Community Health Eye and Care Limited: WF01A 15,426 - £1,048,968</p> <p>Anglia Community Eye Services Limited: WF01A 0 - £0</p>
Q3	<p>Your Question:</p> <p>Any documents containing the arrangements which have been put in place by the ICB or its predecessor bodies with the companies listed above for the sub-contracting of the delivery of outpatient appointments to other providers, for example but not exclusively optical businesses or high street optometry providers.</p> <hr/> <p>Our Response:</p> <p>The sub-contracting arrangements in place in respect of CHEC are in accordance with the General Conditions and Service Conditions of the NHS Standard Contract which are publicly available online. In summary, please see below requirements:</p> <p>The Provider will remain responsible for subcontractors and for meeting the obligations of the contract. The contract particulars require that the provider must ensure that subcontracted clinicians are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fully qualified and accredited • Included within the provider’s governance and reporting frameworks • There are effective arrangements in place to manage poor performance
Q4	<p>Your Question:</p> <p>Any data held by the ICB relating to the delivery of NHS outpatient ophthalmology appointments by companies which have been sub-contracted to do so by the companies listed above – (for example the number of ophthalmology out patient</p>

	appointments commissioned from any of the companies above which have been subcontracted to other companies to carry out on their behalf)
	Our Response: The ICB do not hold the data in the format requested.

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
www.ico.gov.uk

Yours sincerely

(Insert name and title of individual signing off document)

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