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28 June 2024

Dear,

Re: Your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000
Ref no: FOI-4066-LSC

Thank you for your request dated 22 May 2024.

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

Please find our response to your questions below:

1. ARRS budget utilisation in Primary Care Networks (PCNs):

We'd be most interested in data with:

- ODS Code of PCN
- ARRS total spend/utilisation for 2023/24 & if available 24/25. i.e. How much a PCN spent of their allocated budget.
- If there is breakdown on what the roles were (Pharmacists/Physician Associates?)

£43.106m for 2023/24.

The allocation for 2024/25 is £44,968m based on the guidance of £22.894 x PCN Q4 2023/24 Weighted List. There is not any overspend as activity is not yet known.

Please note that the allocation and the utilisation for ARRS are the same. The ICB spends up to its allocation. ARRS has an initial allocation at the start of the year and then towards the end of the year we submit a Forecast Outturn position, and a further allocation is provided to cover 2023/24 spend. The full allocation was spent for 2023/24.

The breakdown on roles are as follows:

	Apr-24
Clinical Pharmacists	155.76
Pharmacy Technicians	83.43
Social Prescribing Link Workers	110.46
Health & Wellbeing Coaches	41.54
Care Co-ordinators	138.18

Physician Associates	58.37
First Contact Physiotherapists	57.50
Dieticians	3.87
Podiatrists	1.28
Occupational Therapists	3.85
Trainee Nursing Associates	20.28
Nursing Associates	27.65
Community Paramedics	50.90
Advanced Practitioners - Pharmacists	16.25
Advanced Practitioners - Physios	6.02
Advanced Practitioners - Dieticians	0.00
Advanced Practitioners - Podiatrists	0.60
Advanced Practitioners - Occupational Therapists	1.00
Advanced Practitioners - Paramedics	9.16
Advanced Practitioners - Nurse	13.59
General Practice Assistant	84.67
Digital and Transformation Lead	28.61
Apprentice Physician Associates	0.00
Enhanced Practice Nurses	0.00
Other Direct Patient Care Roles	0.00
Mental Health Practitioner - Band 4	6.99
Mental Health Practitioner - Band 5	23.80
Mental Health Practitioner - Band 6	8.76
Mental Health Practitioner - Band 7	33.55
Mental Health Practitioner - Band 8a	0.00
Total	986.06

2. Local Incentive Schemes for General Practices.

We're interested in if the ICB has any Local Incentive Schemes. An example of one would be additional tariffs and payments for achieving certain Quality Outcomes for patients. (i.e. Triple Targets for Hypertension/Diabetes/Cholesterol).

From experience, these are often distributed at ICB level alongside National QOF targets and are released around new financial year beginning. It typically sits with Primary Care Clinical Commissioning team

A section 21 exemption has been applied as the ICB holds Local GP Quality Contracts and details can be found on the link below, which is publicly available:

<https://www.lancashireandsouthcumbria.icb.nhs.uk/about-us/sub-committees/pccc/meetings-and-papers/previous-meetings/14-march-2024-primary-care-commissioning>

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

Professor Craig Harris – Chief Operating Officer

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