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21 June 2024

Dear,

Re: Your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000
Ref no: FOI-3990-LSC

Thank you for your request dated 10 April 2024.

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

Please find our response to your questions below:

1. When is the ICB going to implement NICE TA943 and if not what would be the reason for not doing so?

NHS Lancashire and South Cumbria ICB plans to implement over a 5-year phased programme in line with NICE TA943

2. What policy is currently in place within the ICB for use of Hybrid Closed Loop Systems?

The policy will be in line with NICE TA943

3. When does the ICB plan to have a policy in place in line with TA943?

Imminently

4. Will this policy promote patient choice - drawing your attention to NICE FAQ document on local formularies and ensuring that full choice of TA treatments is not restricted <https://www.nice.org.uk/Media/Default/About/what-we-do/NICE-guidance/NICE-technology-appraisals/Frequently-asked-questions-on-NICE-compliance.pdf>

Yes, this will be based on clinical assessment and individual clinical needs. Product choice and policy publication depends on the framework which is to be set out by NHS England.

5. Please can you also share a copy of the implementation plan that was submitted to NHS England.

This information is available, however due to Purdah and guidance from NHS England, the suggestion has been made to withhold this information until the upcoming General Election on 4 July 2024 has concluded.

'Purdah' is a term which refers to the pre-election period when specific restrictions apply

principally around the activity of those working in central and local government. Its purpose is to prevent announcements and activities by public bodies which could influence or be seen to influence the election.

You may wish to resubmit the request following the General Election.

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

Dr David Levy – Chief Medical Officer

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