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Dear,

**Re: Your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000**  
**Ref no: FOI-4121-LSC**

Thank you for your request dated 27 June 2024.

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

Please find our response to your questions below:

1. The estimated number of children currently living with heart defects and tube feeding issues.
2. The number of children with these conditions who have received at-home support services in the last five years (broken down by year).
3. The number of children with these conditions currently awaiting at-home support services (broken down by year for the last five years).
4. The number of children with these conditions who have requested at-home support services in the last five years (broken down by year).
5. The number of children with these conditions who are currently in receipt of at-home support services (broken down by year for the last five years).
6. The estimated number of children with these conditions who are eligible for at-home support services (broken down by year for the last five years).
7. Additionally, I would appreciate any insights into the challenges associated with finding or extrapolating this data, such as variations in assessments/criteria or inconsistencies in data tagging of patients

**This information is not held by the ICB. You may wish to redirect to the below Hospital trusts for information:**

<https://www.uhmb.nhs.uk/our-trust/freedom-information>

<https://www.blackpoolteachinghospitals.nhs.uk/services/information-governance/freedom-information-foi>

<https://elht.nhs.uk/about-us/freedom-of-information>

<https://www.lancsteachinghospitals.nhs.uk/freedom-of-information>

<https://sthk.merseywestlancs.nhs.uk/freedom-of-information-guidance>

### **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](mailto: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](http://www.ico.gov.uk)

Yours sincerely

**Professor Sarah O'Brien - Chief Nursing Officer**

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