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Dear

Re: Your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000
Ref no: FOI-4096-LSC

Thank you for your request dated 10 June 2024.

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

Please find our response to your questions below:

Due to the recent announcement by NHS England, that asks integrated care boards (ICBs) to “establish and develop at least one women’s health hub in every ICB by the end of December 2024 in line with the core specification, improving access, experience and quality of care” and sets the expectation that at least 75% of ICBs have a hub in place by July 2024 that meets minimum requirements.

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/03/2024-25-priorities-and-operational-planning-guidance-v1.1.pdf>

1. I wanted to find out if your ICB had launched your women’s health hub as of yet?

Not at present.

Please note, we are currently undertaking a data analysis on the needs of the ICB and service mapping what we have:

- **We have a steering group that has been stood up that meets every 2 months, which commenced in May. The aim is to drive this programme of work forward.**
- **We currently do not know how many hubs we will have, as the new guidance released in April 2024 has changed the requirements making it more challenging to open multiple hubs at once.**
- **The money is being used for Project costs.**
- **We are working on an ICB wide approach, so we are also trying to improve the 8 core services across general practice, in addition to hub work, so care should improve overall going forward.**
- **We are running an event for providers/HCP/commissioners/VSCE on 12 September, where we will release the next main update from the programme. This is not for patients however. We are also planning a communications piece soon.**

2. If not, when this is due to open?

To be confirmed - We aim to have 1 hub open by December 2024 as a minimum.

3. Can you confirm the name of your clinical lead for the Hub?

We do not have a confirmed hub location at present, Therefore, this post has not been recruited to.

4. Please confirm a contact email address for the hub plus postal address for that actual site?

We do not have a hub location confirmed at present.

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 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

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**On behalf of Kevin Lavery
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