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Dear,

**Re: Your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000**  
**Ref no: FOI-4106-LSC**

Thank you for your request dated 19 June 2024.

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

Please find our response to your questions below:

1. How many questions are answered by the providers who have placed a bid for the withnell health centre contract?

**A section 21 exemption has been applied as been applied as this information is available within the public domain:**

[https://www.healthierlsc.co.uk/application/files/2617/1398/2599/Item\\_5\\_-\\_Withnell\\_PES\\_-\\_appendix\\_1\\_final.pdf](https://www.healthierlsc.co.uk/application/files/2617/1398/2599/Item_5_-_Withnell_PES_-_appendix_1_final.pdf)

2. Of those questions, how many per person will the 2 registered patients on the bid evaluation panel get to see and evaluate?

**A section 21 exemption has been applied as been applied as this information is available within the public domain:**

[https://www.healthierlsc.co.uk/application/files/3617/1398/2599/Item\\_5\\_-\\_Withnell\\_Evaluation\\_Process\\_description\\_-\\_appendix\\_3\\_final.pdf](https://www.healthierlsc.co.uk/application/files/3617/1398/2599/Item_5_-_Withnell_Evaluation_Process_description_-_appendix_3_final.pdf)

#### **Patient involvement**

**Patients will be involved in the evaluation exercise, focusing on the award criteria that relates most to the findings of the patient engagement as identified in the “PES to patient needs mapping” document. These areas are:**

- 1.1 Provision of Essential Services and Additional Services**
- 1.4 Health Promotion and Disease Prevention**
- 1.5 Referral Management**
- 2.1 Workforce**
- 4.1 Digital Enablement**
- 4.2 Patient Centred Care**
- 4.4 System Working and Collaboration**

**Patients will evaluate these questions alongside relevant subject matter experts.**

## **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

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