



**Lancashire and
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Integrated Care Board**

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Dear

Re: Your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000
Ref no: FOI-3976-LSC

Thank you for your request dated 4 April 2024.

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

Please find our response to your questions below:

1. I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request copies of any email or WhatsApp correspondence to or from the medical director or equivalent of your health board or integrated care board - including any correspondence sent via their PAs or secretaries - since 1 April 2021, containing the following terms within the body of the email or any attachments

Long Covid AND, any of the following:
Nice OR National Institute for Health and Care Excellence guidelines ;
GMC OR General medical council;
Medicalise;
Psychological;
Functional;
Psychosomatic;
Fabricated OR FII

If it is not possible to provide the information requested due to the information exceeding the cost of compliance limits identified in Section 12, please prioritise correspondence by email. If further refinement is needed, please prioritise the most recent correspondence working backwards.

Please find enclosed documents following a forensic search of emails in relation to the above request.

Redactions have been applied in some instances, which either applies to subjects outside of the scope of the request, or to identify individuals of the ICB or fellow Hospital trusts who are not named in senior roles via the ICB's website.

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 40 working days 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

Dr David Levy – Chief Medical Officer

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