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23 July 2024

Dear,

Re: Your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000
Ref no: FOI-4075-LSC

Thank you for your request dated 28 May 2024.

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

Please find our response to your questions below:

1. Please could you provide information on the blood and tissue services that are delivered by the practice plc at the South Shore PCC and Whitegate Drive surgeries? Specifically, I am interested in the provisions of the appropriate GMS / APMS contracts held by the Practice Plc on which party is responsible for ensuring that patient samples are delivered to the pathology lab.

In other words, If a sample needs to be sent by a private taxi, who bears that cost? The service provider (namely The Practice Plc)? or the NHS?

For clarification I am not asking for values involved in the contract, just if the contract has an expectation that those costs are borne by the Practice Plc and their remuneration under the contract already received reflects that, or are borne outside the contract by the NHS when needed.

This information is not held by the ICB. Please redirect to Blackpool Teaching Hospitals who may be able to assist:

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

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

Professor Craig Harris – Chief Operating Officer

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