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19 July 2024

Dear,

Re: Your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000
Ref no: FOI-4113-LSC

Thank you for your request dated 25 June 2024.

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

Please find our response to your questions below:

1. I would like to request a copy of "ICB guidelines on off label prescribing"

A section 21 exemption has been applied as General guidance is available within the public domain here:

[Guidelines for Good Prescribing in Primary Care \(lancsmmq.nhs.uk\)](http://lancsmmq.nhs.uk)

Please note that this is due for review.

The highlighted potential (not agreed) antipsychotic shared care guidance discussions in recent meetings.

Any specific guidance will take account of the general guidance above, but where there is a body of evidence and/or national guidance this will be followed. e.g. NICE or Children's BNF contains many medicines commonly used off licence, but with a clear evidence base and custom and practice usage.

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

Dr David Levy – Chief Medical Officer

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