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15 July 2024

Re: Your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000
Ref no: FOI-4090-LSC

Thank you for your request dated 10 July 2024.

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

Please find our response to your questions below:

1. Please can you tell me on what specific criteria the 3 successful applicants were chosen for the Withnell Health Centre Bid Evaluation Panel and exactly why those three members of the public were chosen over the unsuccessful ones?

All applicants were asked to demonstrate they were a patient of Withnell Health Centre, had availability to take part throughout the month of June 2024, and to state whether they could take part and demonstrate they could take part objectively and without bias. There was no specific criteria as to who could and couldn't take part. Individuals were reviewed based on the information provided and previous correspondences with the local NHS in relation to the various Withnell campaign activities.

An ICB board lay member, who was independent of the process, reviewed the process and recommendations of which of the candidates were the most suitable. As there were more than two of these, the successful applicants were selected at random using an online number generator.

2. What was it exactly that made them more suitable for the role?

No individual was deemed more suitable than others. However it was clear that some applicants would be able to take part in a more objective way than others, based on a review of things such as prior correspondence with the ICB on the matter. The three evaluators were selected at random from those who were recommended by the ICB lay member.

3. The specific reasons for each successful applicant please whilst obviously keeping them anonymous at all times.

Please refer to the response within question 2.

4. If there is only one bid for the practice in question can you tell me what the process will be given there are no other bids to evaluate?

The process remains the same regardless of how many bidders there are.

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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