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Dear

Due to the abolishment of clinical commissioning groups, from the 1 July 2022 the information you had previously requested from NHS Morecambe Bay CCG is now held by the newly established Integrated Care Board for NHS Lancashire and South Cumbria.

Re: Your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000
Ref no: FOI-2386-MB

Thank you for your request dated 30 June 2022.

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

Please find our response to your questions below:

Q1	Your Question: In your CCG, are prescribing budgets set for GP practices?
	Our Response: No.
Q2	Your Question: If so, have GP practice prescribing budgets been set for longer than the last 5 years?
	Our Response: Not applicable.
Q3	Your Question: Are GP practices informed of their prescribing budget?

	<p>Our Response:</p> <p>No - but please note that practices do get a breakdown of:</p> <p>Total Spend for Previous Year (2021/22)</p> <p>Previous YTD Spend (2021/22)</p> <p>Current YTD Spend (2022/23)</p> <p>Cost Growth</p> <p>% List Size Growth</p> <p>Current YTD Spend per APU (2022/23)</p>
Q4	<p>Your Question:</p> <p>Are GP practices incentivised to keep their prescribing spend within the allocated budget?</p>
	<p>Our Response:</p> <p>No.</p>
Q5	<p>Your Question:</p> <p>In your CCG, are prescribing budgets set for PCNs?</p>
	<p>Our Response:</p> <p>No.</p>
Q6	<p>Your Question:</p> <p>If so, have PCN prescribing budgets been set for longer than the last 5 years?</p>
	<p>Our Response:</p> <p>Not applicable.</p>
Q7	<p>Your Question:</p> <p>Are PCNs informed of their prescribing budgets?</p>
	<p>Our Response:</p> <p>No.</p>
Q8	<p>Your Question:</p> <p>Are PCNs incentivised to keep their prescribing spend within the allocated budget?</p>
	<p>Our Response:</p> <p>No.</p>

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 Jubilee 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

**On behalf of Kevin Lavery
ICB chief executive**