

Please contact: Access to Information Team

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Dear

Re: Your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000
Ref no: FOI-2506-LSC

Thank you for your request dated 17 August 2022.

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

Please find our response to your questions below:

<p>Q1</p>	<p>Your Question:</p> <p>Please could you tell me whether you implement a 'same-sex' personal care policy for your social care service users? Or if you have moved to a 'gender based' policy?</p> <hr/> <p>Our Response:</p> <p>NHS Lancashire and South Cumbria ICB does not hold this information. You may wish to redirect your query to the relevant local authority, via the following links:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council - https://www.blackburn.gov.uk/ • Blackpool Council - https://www.blackpool.gov.uk/Home.aspx • Lancashire County Council - https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/ • Cumbria County Council - https://www.cumbria.gov.uk/council-democracy/accesstoinformation/foi/default.asp
<p>Q2</p>	<p>Your Question:</p> <p>Does this policy apply to social care users who receive CHC funding provided by you, as well as those who receive council funded social care?</p> <hr/> <p>Our Response:</p> <p>Not applicable – please refer to the response to Q1.</p>

Q3	Your Question: Please provide proof of your policy.
	Our Response: Not applicable – please refer to the response to Q1.
Q4	Your Question: Do you instruct all care agencies in the area to comply with your policy or are each able to implement their own policy?
	Our Response: Not applicable – please refer to the response to Q1.

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**