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Dear

Re: Your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000
Ref no: FOI-2509-L&SC

Thank you for your request dated 18 August 2022.

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

Please find our response to your questions below:

Your Question:

1) I have contacted various Hospital Trusts within your area to try and find out who covers the various contracted patient movements, either in/out of hospitals or transfers between hospitals, this will include OPD appointments, Admissions, Transfers and discharges.

The Trusts have stated that the CCG (ICB) procures the various patient transport requirements for them, can you please complete the below table for all the NHS Hospital Trusts within your CCG (ICB), for the various types of patient movements you procure?

Please include specialist Ambulances, High Dependency transfers/movements, NEPTS (Non-emergency Patient Transport Service), Renal and Taxi options.

Our Response:

NHS Hospital Trust	Contract providers Name	Transport service covered (cross out ones which do apply)	Contract end date	Contract length in years	Patient journeys per annum
The current contract for NEPTS with NWAS covers all NHS funded healthcare for the Lancashire and South Cumbria geography. This, therefore, covers all hospital trusts, renal and oncology units and clinics delivering NHS funded healthcare provision and we do journey information at this level of granularity.	North West Ambulance Service (NWAS)	Renal/Oncology/ Outpatients/Transfers/ Discharge NWAS may cover some of the activity via sub contracts with taxis or volunteer driver schemes where this is appropriate for the patient's mobility needs. Patients may also be transferred between trusts via emergency ambulance vehicles, delivered by NWAS.	31 March 2023	5 years but was extended under NHS England Level 4 Command and Control arrangements.	The total number of patient journeys provided to the contract year ended June 2022 was just over 406,000.

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
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