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Dear

Re: Your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000
Ref no: FOI-2524-L&SC

Thank you for your request dated 24 August 2022.

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

Please find our response to your questions below:

Q1

Your Question:

I am writing with a Freedom of Information request regarding the contracted provision of endoscopy staff and facilities, from the independent sector, at your trust. We would like to get data on the contracts your trust has with independent providers that result in:

Your Trust's staff using independent provider facilities (rooms, instruments and scopes, decontamination equipment) to perform endoscopies, or

Complete outsource of full service, i.e., your Trust is paying for patients to get endoscopies by independent sector staff in independent sector facilities.

For those contracts, could you please provide:

- The name of the provider
- Start and End date of contract
- Type of contract (facilities only, facilities and staff (service model))
- Value of contract
- JAG accreditation (Y/N is enough) – refers to either facilities or staff and facilities depending on contract
- Indication on patient activity plan (or number of rooms and number of FTE staff) outsourced (if full service contract type)
- Number of beds (and/or) rooms contracted (if facilities contract)

Our Response:

Blackburn with Darwen: Please redirect to the provider as the ICB does not hold the level of detail required - <https://elht.nhs.uk/about-us/freedom-of-information>

East Lancashire: Please redirect to the provider as the ICB does not hold the level of detail required - <https://elht.nhs.uk/about-us/freedom-of-information>

Blackpool and Fylde and Wyre: Please redirect to the provider as the ICB does not hold the level of detail required - <https://www.bfwh.nhs.uk/our-services/information-governance/freedom-of-information-f-o-i/>

Morecambe Bay: Please redirect to the provider as the ICB does not hold the level of detail required - <https://www.uhmb.nhs.uk/our-trust/freedom-information>

Chorley and South Ribble and Greater Preston: Please redirect to the provider as the ICB does not hold the level of detail required - <https://www.lancsteachinghospitals.nhs.uk/freedom-of-information>

West Lancashire:

The name of the provider: Alimentary Solutions Ltd

Start and End date of contract - Start date: 01/05/2021 - End date: 30/04/2024

**Type of contract (facilities only, facilities and staff (service model)):
Provision of a community based gastroscopy service within West Lancashire**

Value of contract: Based on activity (£338 per procedure)

<p>JAG accreditation (Y/N is enough) – refers to either facilities or staff and facilities depending on contract: N</p> <p>Indication on patient activity plan (or number of rooms and number of FTE staff) outsourced (if full service contract type): Number of patients based on activity plan - Annual activity capped at 650 procedures per year</p> <p>Number of beds (and/or) rooms contracted (if facilities contract): N/A.</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, Wycliff House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF
www.ico.gov.uk

Yours sincerely

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