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Dear

Re: Your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000
Ref no: FOI-2605-L&SC

Thank you for your request dated 11 October 2022.

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

Please find our response to your questions below:

Q 1	<p>Your Question:</p> <p>Could you please advise what the current policy is for prescribing of Gluten Free foods under the newly formed ICB?</p>
	<p>Our Response:</p> <p>A section 21 exemption has been applied as the information can be located publicly:</p> <p>Chorley and South Ribble and Greater Preston: https://centrallancashireccgs.nhs.uk/documents/our-policies/prescribing-policies/93-prescribing-of-gluten-free-food-policy/file</p> <p>Blackburn with Darwen and East Lancashire: https://www.elmmb.nhs.uk/resource-centre/gluten-free-information/</p> <p>Blackpool and Fylde and Wyre: https://www.fyldecoastccgs.nhs.uk/?wpfb_dl=1153&no_preview=1</p> <p>Morecambe Bay: https://www.morecambebayccg.nhs.uk/news-and-events-2/239-prescriptions-for-gluten-free-food-to-#:~:text=From%201st%20May%202018%2C%20Morecambe,Cumbria%20directly%20from%20community%20pharmacies</p> <p>West Lancashire: https://www.westlancashireccg.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/Low-Priority-Gluten-Free-Consultation-Document.pdf</p>

You will note that we have applied an exemption to question number 1. This is explained below:

Question No.	Reason for exemption
1	Section 21 – Lancashire & South Cumbria ICB are not permitted to provide information that is readily available within the public domain.

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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