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Dear

Re: Your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000
Ref no: FOI-2619-L&SC

Thank you for your request dated 14 October 2022.

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

Please find our response to your questions below:

Q1	<p>Your Question:</p> <p>Has Lancashire and South Cumbria ICB implemented the NICE guidelines [NG206] on Myalgic Encephalomyelitis/Chronic Fatigue Syndrome: diagnosis and management, which were published on 29 October 2021?</p> <p>If the NICE guidelines [NG206] on the diagnosis and management of ME/CFS have not been implemented, what is the intended timetable and deadline for implementation?</p>
	<p>Our Response:</p> <p>For the following areas, please redirect to the providers listed below as the ICB does not hold this information:</p> <p>Chorley and South Ribble and Greater Preston: https://www.lscft.nhs.uk/about-us/publications-reports-policies/freedom-information</p> <p>Blackburn with Darwen and East Lancashire: https://elht.nhs.uk/about-us/freedom-of-information</p> <p>Blackpool and Fylde & Wyre: https://www.bfwh.nhs.uk/our-services/information-governance/freedom-of-information-f-o-i/</p> <p>Morecambe Bay: https://www.uhmb.nhs.uk/our-trust/freedom-information</p> <p>West Lancashire: https://www.lscft.nhs.uk/about-us/publications-reports-policies/freedom-information</p>

Q2	<p>Your Question:</p> <p>How many patients with a diagnosis of ME/CFS are receiving care from Lancashire and South Cumbria ICB as of the date of this FOI request?</p> <p>Our Response:</p> <p>As above.</p>
Q3	<p>Your Question:</p> <p>Of those receiving care for ME/CFS from Lancashire and South Cumbria ICB how many have a personalised care and support plan in place as of the date of this FOI request?</p> <p>Our Response:</p> <p>As above.</p>
Q4	<p>Your Question:</p> <p>What training has been provided by Lancashire and South Cumbria ICB for healthcare professionals on the implementation of the NICE guidelines [NG206] on diagnosis and management of ME/CFS since 29 October 2021?</p> <p>Our Response:</p> <p>As above.</p>
Q5	<p>Your Question:</p> <p>What written information is being provided to health professionals and patients on websites in line with the recommendations on diagnosis and management in the NICE guidelines [NG206].</p> <p>Our Response:</p> <p>As above.</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**