

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-2617-LSC

Thank you for your request dated 14 October 2022.

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

Please find our response to your questions below:

Q1	<p>Your Question:</p> <p>Do you have a clear pathway in primary care for the investigation of non-cancer related lower gastrointestinal symptoms that include the use of faecal calprotectin tests?</p> <p>If so, I would appreciate if you were able to share any details you may have.</p> <p>If it is not possible to provide this information due to exceeding the cost of compliance limits, I would be grateful if you could advise how this request could be refined.</p>
	<p>Our Response:</p> <p>NHS Lancashire and South Cumbria ICB would expect clinicians to be aware of NICE guidance on the matter.</p> <p>https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/dg11/chapter/1-Recommendations</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