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Dear

Re: Your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000
Ref no: FOI-2717-LSC

Thank you for your request dated 03 December 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>Pre-eclampsia is a condition affecting up to one in ten pregnancies, and can lead to serious complications for both mother and baby if not monitored and treated. In cases of pre-eclampsia, levels of cental growth factor (PIGF) in the blood can be abnormally low and a sign that the placenta is not developing properly.</p> <p>Is your Trust currently implementing PIGF-based testing to diagnose pre-eclampsia?</p>
	<p>Our Response:</p> <p>NHS Lancashire and South Cumbria ICB do not hold this information. You may wish to redirect your request to the following NHS Trusts:</p> <p>Blackpool Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust https://www.bfwh.nhs.uk/our-services/information-governance/freedom-of-information-f-o-i/</p> <p>East Lancashire Hospitals NHS Trust https://elht.nhs.uk/about-us/freedom-of-information</p> <p>Lancashire Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust https://www.lancsteachinghospitals.nhs.uk/freedom-of-information</p> <p>University Hospitals of Morecambe Bay NHS Foundation Trust https://www.uhmb.nhs.uk/our-trust/freedom-information</p> <p>Lancashire and South Cumbria NHS Foundation Trust https://www.lscft.nhs.uk/about-us/publications-reports-policies/freedom-information</p>

<p>Q2</p>	<p>Your Question:</p> <p>If so, how many tests has your Trust implemented each year over the past 5 calendar years (2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 YTD)</p> <hr/> <p>Our Response:</p> <p>NHS Lancashire and South Cumbria ICB do not hold this information. You may wish to redirect your request to the following NHS Trusts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Blackpool Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust • East Lancashire Hospitals NHS Trust • Lancashire Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust • University Hospitals of Morecambe Bay NHS Foundation Trust
<p>Q3</p>	<p>Your Question:</p> <p>If not, please outline the reasons why your Trust is not currently implementing PIGF-based testing. Please answer with reference to the fact that PIGF-based testing has been recommended by National Institute of Health and Care Excellence (NICE) to both rule in and rule out pre-eclampsia for people presenting with suspected symptoms.</p> <hr/> <p>Our Response:</p> <p>NHS Lancashire and South Cumbria ICB do not hold this information. You may wish to redirect your request to the following NHS Trusts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Blackpool Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust • East Lancashire Hospitals NHS Trust • Lancashire Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust • University Hospitals of Morecambe Bay NHS Foundation Trust

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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