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Dear

Re: Your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000

Ref no: FOI-2735-LSC

Thank you for your request dated 06 December 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>What is your policy on aromatherapy? Please provide a copy of your policy, if you have one.</p> <hr/> <p>Our Response:</p> <p>NHS Lancashire and South Cumbria ICB have not commissioned services for aromatherapy and there is not a specific clinical policy relating to this.</p>
Q2	<p>Your Question:</p> <p>In the last five years, have you engaged an aromatherapy practitioner for the provision of aromatherapy to NHS patients?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. In which years? b. What was the cost to the NHS for each of these years? c. How many patients were given aromatherapy in each of these years? <p>Please break the results down by condition.</p> <hr/> <p>Our Response:</p> <p>NHS Lancashire and South Cumbria ICB have not commissioned services for aromatherapy.</p>

Q3	<p>Your Question:</p> <p>Do you currently have a contract in place with any provider for the provision of aromatherapy services?</p> <p>a. Please provide a copy of the contract</p> <p>Our Response:</p> <p>NHS Lancashire and South Cumbria ICB have not commissioned services for aromatherapy.</p>
Q4	<p>Your Question:</p> <p>Which external organisations, charities or companies (if any) have you contracted or engaged with over the provision of aromatherapy in the last three years?</p> <p>a. Please include copies of any promotional materials, advertising materials or other documentation provided by the external organisation as part of this engagement</p> <p>Our Response:</p> <p>NHS Lancashire and South Cumbria ICB have not commissioned services for aromatherapy.</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**