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Dear

Re: Your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000
Ref no: FOI-2711-LSC

Thank you for your request dated 29 November 2022.

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

Please find our response to your questions below:

Q1	<p>Your Question:</p> <p>Does your ICB gave an inter-organisational group with a responsibility for neurology? (e.g. clinical prioritisation group, clinical reference group)</p> <p>a) If no, what governance process is in place for decisions relating to neurology pathways?</p> <hr/> <p>Our Response:</p> <p>There is an ICB wide Neurosciences Programme that is inclusive of Neurology – this is provided across the system by Lancashire Teaching Hospitals Trust (LTHTR) and is provided on a Hub and Spoke type model across all of the localities of South Cumbria and Lancashire with the centre being the Royal Preston Hospital site. There are regular meetings with a range of professionals via clinical networks and multi-agency partnerships alongside the more traditional contract type meetings that are held with both ICB commissioners (previous CCGs) and also NHSE specialised commissioning teams.</p>
Q2	<p>Your Question:</p> <p>Is there a person with responsibility for migraine and headache services?</p> <p>a) If yes, what is their name and role?</p>

	<p>Our Response:</p> <p>There will be nominated leads within each of the different localities in terms of headache pathways and any localised community type service (i.e. General Practitioners with Special Interest/ Extended Roles (GPwSI) for headache/migraine or Botox service) that sit outside of the core Neurological service offer from Lancashire Teaching Hospitals Trust (LTHTR)</p> <p>The named clinical lead for Lancashire Teaching Hospitals Trust (LTHTR) is Professor Suresh Chhetri– Clinical Professor and Consultant Neurologist and Clinical Director for Neurology.</p>
Q3	<p>Your Question:</p> <p>What is the name and job title of the individual responsible for leading the group?</p> <p>a) ICB lead b) Primary care lead c) Secondary care lead</p> <hr/> <p>Our Response:</p> <p>a) ICB lead – Neurosciences Commissioning Lead – Steve Flynn</p> <p>b) Primary care lead – Planned Care Lead for Elective Care – Dr Lesley Atherton</p> <p>c) Secondary care lead – Professor Suresh Chhetri</p>
Q4	<p>Your Question:</p> <p>What is the name and job title of the individual responsible for overseeing the set of inter-organisational groups across your ICB (e.g. Clinical Prioritisation Group, Clinical Reference Group)?</p> <hr/> <p>Our Response:</p> <p>As the ICB are still working towards the finalisation of the governance structures of the ICB and then the roles and responsibilities and interface with the ‘Place’ based systems it is not yet possible to provide these specific names. The Medical Director for the ICB is Dr David Levy.</p>
Q5	<p>Your Question:</p> <p>If an inter-organisational group with a responsibility for neurology exists, which organisations are members of this group?</p> <p>a) Acute providers b) Community providers c) Voluntary and Charity d) Primary care e) Other</p>

	<p>Our Response:</p> <p>There are a number of groups that have been established – the ICB are still determining what groups will be in place going forwards within the ICB once the governance structures have been finalised – the ICB have a Neurological Alliance and also various other networks across the North West and more locally within the ICB that have representatives across the full neurological pathways.</p>
Q6	<p>Your Question:</p> <p>Does your ICB have a budget specifically allocated to neurology? a) If yes, what is the value of this budget?</p>
	<p>Our Response:</p> <p>Neurology activity within the Acute Trusts is funded within the block contracts across each of the sites within the ICB that covers all inpatient, day case and outpatient activity.</p>
Q7	<p>Your Question:</p> <p>What is the name of the ICB’s Chief Pharmacist? a) What is the name of the medicines management / high-cost drugs Lead?</p>
	<p>Our Response:</p> <p>The Chief Pharmacist is Andrew White. The ICB do not have a high cost drugs lead.</p>
Q8	<p>Your Question:</p> <p>How does your ICB make decisions around ICS budgets to determine how to invest and who is responsible for this? a) What is the name of the person responsible for service transformation and contracting primary care providers?</p>
	<p>Our Response:</p> <p>As the ICB are still working towards the finalisation of the governance structures of the ICB and then the roles and responsibilities and interface with the ‘Place’ based systems it is not yet possible to provide these specific operational working groups – the expectations are that this will be finalised in the New Year. Sam Proffitt is the lead for Finance and Peter Tinson is lead for Primary Care.</p>
Q9	<p>Your Question:</p> <p>What forums do you have for primary and secondary care to collaborate and design services around population needs?</p>

	<p>Our Response:</p> <p>As the ICB are still working towards the finalisation of the governance structures of the ICB and then the roles and responsibilities and interface with the 'Place' based systems it is not yet possible to provide these specific operational working groups – the expectations are that this will be finalised in the New Year.</p>
Q10	<p>Your Question:</p> <p>What, if any, specific priorities do the ICB have around neurology, and migraine in particular?</p>
	<p>Our Response:</p> <p>The main strategies that the ICB have around Neurology are focussed on the reduction of the current waiting lists as part of the wide Elective Care Recovery Programme – this includes ensuring that all activity that can be managed outside of the hospital services are delivered, utilising clinical triage models and Advice and Guidance (A&G) within the referral pathways and to also develop Primary and Community services to manage (with shared care/supervision from the Lancashire Teaching Hospitals Trust (LTHTR)) patients as close to home as possible.</p>
Q11	<p>Your Question:</p> <p>Are there any examples of any Integrated Care Partnerships, Primary Care Networks or Provider Collaborations in your ICB who have focused on reviewing pathways relating to migraine and headache?</p>
	<p>Our Response:</p> <p>The ICB have the Lancashire Medicines Management Group headache pathway: https://www.lancsmmg.nhs.uk/media/1060/headache-management-guideline-for-adults-version-10.pdf</p>
Q12	<p>Your Question:</p> <p>What governance process does the ICB have in place for reviewing clinical pathways?</p>
	<p>Our Response:</p> <p>As the ICB are still working towards the finalisation of the governance structures of the ICB and then the roles and responsibilities and interface with the 'Place' based systems it is not yet possible to provide these specific operational working groups – the expectations are that this will be finalised in the New Year.</p>
Q13	<p>Your Question:</p> <p>What is the name and job title of the individual(s) accountable for the effectiveness of clinical pathways?</p>

	<p>Our Response:</p> <p>As the ICB are still working towards the finalisation of the governance structures of the ICB and then the roles and responsibilities and interface with the 'Place' based systems it is not yet possible to provide this specific role or name.</p>
Q14	<p>Your Question:</p> <p>What is the name and job title of the individual(s) accountable for the redesign of pathways?</p>
	<p>Our Response:</p> <p>Steve Flynn Programme Lead – Elective Care – Central Lancashire</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.

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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**