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Dear

**Re: Your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000**  
**Ref no: FOI-2752-L&SC**

Thank you for your request dated 28 December 2022.

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

Please find our response to your questions below:

Q 1	<p>Your Question:</p> <p>Which of these fertility treatments do you provide for your transgender patients?</p> <p>a. Egg harvesting</p>
	<p>Our Response:</p> <p><b>Please refer to the ICB's Policy for Assisted Conception Services:</b></p> <p><a href="https://www.healthierlsc.co.uk/application/files/6716/6308/2341/CP20_LSC_ICB_Policy_for_Assisted_Conception_Services_v2.1.pdf">https://www.healthierlsc.co.uk/application/files/6716/6308/2341/CP20_LSC_ICB_Policy_for_Assisted_Conception_Services_v2.1.pdf</a></p>
Q 2	<p>Your Question:</p> <p>Cryopreservation of eggs</p> <p>a) How long do you offer cryopreservation of eggs for?</p>
	<p>Our Response:</p> <p><b>As above.</b></p>
Q 3	<p>Your Question:</p> <p>Extraction of sperm, both surgical and self-ejaculatory</p>
	<p>Our Response:</p> <p><b>As above.</b></p>

Q 4	<p>Your Question:</p> <p>Cryopreservation of sperm</p> <p>a) How long do you offer cryopreservation of sperm for?</p> <p>Our Response:</p> <p><b>As above.</b></p>
Q 5	<p>Your Question:</p> <p>IVF Embryo Treatment</p> <p>Our Response:</p> <p><b>As above.</b></p>
Q 6	<p>Your Question:</p> <p>Embryo cryopreservation</p> <p>a) How long do you offer embryo cryopreservation for?</p> <p>Our Response:</p> <p><b>As above.</b></p>
Q 7	<p>Your Question:</p> <p>Ovarian Tissue Extraction and Cryopreservation</p> <p>How long do you offer cryopreservation of ovarian tissue for?</p> <p>Our Response:</p> <p><b>As above.</b></p>
Q 8	<p>Your Question:</p> <p>What, if any, are the youngest ages of patients that are entitled to receive these treatments?</p> <p>Egg harvesting</p> <p>Our Response:</p> <p><b>As above.</b></p>
Q 9	<p>Your Question:</p> <p>Egg cryopreservation</p> <p>Our Response:</p> <p><b>As above.</b></p>

Q10	Your Question: Sperm harvesting
	Our Response: <b>As above.</b>
Q11	Your Question: Sperm cryopreservation
	Our Response: <b>As above.</b>
Q12	Your Question: IVF Embryo Treatment
	Our Response: <b>As above.</b>
Q13	Your Question: Embryo cryopreservation
	Our Response: <b>As above.</b>
Q14	Your Question: Ovarian Tissue Extraction and Cryopreservation
	Our Response: <b>As above.</b>
Q15	Your Question: If you have answered no to any of the above questions, what is the “strong justification” that your CCG has for not funding this fertility treatment?
	Our Response: <b>As above.</b>

You will note that we have applied an exemption to questions 1-15. This is explained below:

Question No.	Reason for exemption
1-15	Section 21 – The ICB are not obligated to provide information that is available within the public domain.

## **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](mailto: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](http://www.ico.gov.uk)

Yours sincerely

**On behalf of Kevin Lavery  
ICB Chief Executive**