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Dear

**Re: Your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000**  
**Ref no: FOI-2759-LSC**

Thank you for your request dated 29 December 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>Please provide equivalent answers for Questions 1-6, but for Adult ASD services in the ICB. If the ICB does not distinguish between CYP and Adult ASD services, please answer Questions 1-6 for all patients collectively</p> <p>Please name the organisation(s) that deliver(s) adult P (ASD assessment / diagnoses in your ICB area</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) When did the contract(s) begin and when is the contract(s) due to end</li> <li>b) What is the annual spend for this service for 2022, and for the last 5 years?</li> <li>c) How is the service contracted – is it Block, Activity-based, or AQP contracting?</li> <li>d) If the service is commissioned with other CCGs, ICSs or Trusts, which are these?</li> <li>e) At what prevalence (% of the child population) have the contracts been commissioned against?</li> </ol>
	<p>Our Response:</p> <p><b><u>The current provision of CYP ASD Assessment within Lancashire and South Cumbria is provided by:</u></b></p> <p><b>Pennine Lancashire – East Lancashire Hospital Trust</b>  <b>Central Lancashire, West, and North Lancashire – Lancashire Teaching Hospitals Trust (LTHTR) and Lancashire and South Cumbria Care Foundation Trust (LSCFT)</b>  <b>Blackpool – Blackpool Teaching Hospital Trust (BTH)</b></p>

**South Cumbria – provided by North Cumbria Integrated Care Trust (NCIC)**

**a. Blackpool Teaching Hospital Trust commenced The Fylde Coast School Age Neurodevelopment Pathway, in 2021. We understand that this FOI has also been submitted to Blackpool Teaching Hospital who have provided a response.**

- **Central Lancashire – n/a (see ‘c’ below)**
- **ELHT – start date 1 April 2022, end date 31 March, rolling contract**
- **LSCFT – start date 1 April 2022, end date 31 March 2023, rolling contract**

**b. Central Lancashire – ASD assessment/diagnoses is not a specific service across Central Lancashire but provided across a range of partners in a multi-disciplinary approach – with the waiting lists being coordinated and managed by the x2 main providers (LHTR/LSCFT). The provision of ASD assessment/diagnosis is within the wider block contract arrangements that are in place with these providers and the specific spend on ASD is not broken down within the contract**

- **Blackpool Teaching Hospital – Current contract value is £278,000 (21/22 recurrent). 2021/22 (£278,000); 19/21 (68,508); 18/19 (£82,734)**
- **East Lancashire Hospital Trust £192,500 per quarter, but this includes all ASD Pathway Funding and not just diagnostics/assessment**

**c. LSCFT – block contract**

- **Blackpool Teaching Hospital – None of these**
- **ELHT – block contract**

**NCIC – we do not hold this information. You may wish to redirect to the provider if you have not done so already:**

**<https://www.ncic.nhs.uk/trust/freedom-information>**

**d. We do not hold this information. You may wish to redirect to the providers if you have not done so already:**

- **<https://www.ncic.nhs.uk/trust/freedom-information>**
- **<https://elht.nhs.uk/about-us/freedom-of-information>**
- **<https://www.lancsteachinghospitals.nhs.uk/freedom-of-information>**
- **<https://www.lscft.nhs.uk/about-us/publications-reports-policies/freedom-information>**
- **<https://www.bfwh.nhs.uk/our-services/information-governance/freedom-of-information-f-o-i/>**

**e. As above.**

Q2	<p>Your Question:</p> <p>Does the same organisation as for Question 1 also deliver CYP ASD prescriptions and post-diagnosis ASD support in your ICB area? If not, please provide the same information for this organisation.</p> <hr/> <p>Our Response:</p> <p><b>Blackpool Teaching Hospital - At the end of the pathway a multi-agency action plan for each child/young person (regardless of diagnosis) is devised at panel. Whilst on the pathway (regardless of diagnosis) some interventions may be delivered by pathway staff. This includes episodes of care and/or training that target sleep hygiene, behaviour support for example.</b></p> <p><b>LSCFT – North Lancashire – LSCFT provide limited post-diagnostic support after diagnosis. Support whilst awaiting diagnosis from LSCFT is also provided.</b></p> <p><b>South Cumbria – (different provider) post diagnostic support is provided by LSCFT and support whilst awaiting a diagnosis deliver a range of projects that support children and young people with autism, including autism outreach team, intensive support.</b></p> <p><b>NCIC – we do not hold this information. You may wish to redirect to the provider if you have not done so already:  <a href="https://www.ncic.nhs.uk/trust/freedom-information">https://www.ncic.nhs.uk/trust/freedom-information</a></b></p> <p><b>East Lancashire Hospital Trust – ASD Assessment lies within ELHT’s community neurodevelopmental paediatrics service that provide services for children and young people</b></p>
Q3	<p>Your Question:</p> <p>Please outline the CYP ASD pathway in your area, including key referral sources</p> <hr/> <p>Our Response:</p> <p><b>Key referrals from GP, education, other health practitioners i.e., speech and language therapy</b></p>
Q4	<p>Your Question:</p> <p>How many children and young people are currently waiting for a CYP ASD assessment in your area? What is the longest and median wait time from a referral?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Within the last year, how many children and young people were assessed within 12 weeks of referral?</li> <li>b) Within the last year, how many children and young people were discharged without assessment?</li> <li>c) Please answer Questions 4, 4a, 4b for as many historic years as possible, up to 5 years</li> </ul> <hr/> <p>Our Response:</p> <p><b>We do not hold this information, but you may wish to redirect your request to providers listed above, as they may be able to provide this detail.</b></p>

Q5	<p>Your Question:</p> <p>For the last 5 years, please give the number of CYP patients per year in the ICB who were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Referred for ASD assessment</li> <li>b) Given an ASD assessment</li> <li>c) Given an ASD assessment from a 'Right to Choose' provider, outside the service contracted</li> <li>d) Diagnosed with ASD</li> </ul> <p>Our Response:</p> <p><b>As above.</b></p>
Q6	<p>Your Question:</p> <p>For the last 5 years, what was the average number of ASD-qualified staff delivering services in the area? How does this split by role:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Qualified psychiatrists</li> <li>b) Paediatricians</li> <li>c) Speech and Language therapists</li> <li>d) Clinical Psychologists</li> <li>e) For a-d, please also give numbers of trainees</li> </ul> <p>Our Response:</p> <p><b>As above.</b></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](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  
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