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Dear

Re: Your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000
Ref no: FOI-2850-LSC

Thank you for your request dated 25 January 2023.

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

1. Please find our response to your questions below:

I would like to submit a request for some information from the organisation, in relation to their contract's register.

The FULL contract register should display all the organisations existing/live contracts I would like the register to display the following columns/headings:

- Contract Reference - Unique reference number associated with the contract
2. Contract Title
 3. Procurement Category – Please state the category name of the contract, I wish to know the category the contract is under.
 4. Supplier name
 5. Spend (Total, Annual or contract value)
 6. Contract's Duration
 7. Contract's extensions
 8. Contract's start date
 9. Contract's expiry date
 10. Contract Description [Please provide me with as much detail as possible.]
 11. Contact Owner (Person that manages the contract register)
 13. CPV codes/Pro-Class

14. Can you also provide me with contact details of the person responsible for the actual contract's register or someone responsible for API? [Name, Job Title, Telephone, Email Address] At the very least provide me with their actual job title.

(Meaning of API "a set of functions and procedures that allow the creation of applications which access the features or data of an operating system, application, or other service.")

15. If the organisation has a CRM system or a similar system, there should be a facility to download and extract contract data.

- You may forward me a Weblink to a portal to download the contract register, please make sure all the organisation's contracts are provided as doing prior research I have found that most organisations have only uploaded a small portion of all their contracts.
- For those organisations planning to make an exemption around spend, the spend information I have requested is an overall figure and I am not requesting a complete breakdown of services relating to the spend.

Please provide me with the contract's register file in an excel format.

Whilst we can confirm that the ICB does hold the information you requested in the format requested, after careful consideration, we have decided to refuse your request under section 14(2) as this is a repeated request.

Under section 14(2) of the Act, you do not have to comply with a request which is identical, or substantially similar to a previous request submitted by the same individual, unless a reasonable period of time has elapsed between those requests.

NHS Lancashire and South Cumbria ICB have received this Freedom of Information request previously requesting the same information above three times since 19 August 2022 and the latest one was responded to on 9 February 2023 under reference FOI-2850-LSC therefore the information has not changed.

For the reasons outlined in this letter. We are issuing this refusal notice under section 14(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

You have the right to appeal against our decision; further information is provided below.

There is one additional question that has not previously been responded to and this is answered below:

12. Contract details of section 151 officer

The ICB do not have a section 151 officer role.

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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