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Dear

**Re: Your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000**  
**Ref no: FOI-2778-LSC**

Thank you for your request dated 11 January 2023.

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

Please find our response to your questions below:

1. How much of the extra £2.3b will be allocated to NHS Lancashire and South Cumbria ICS?

**£46.4m**

2. When will the ICS receive the additional funds?

**Within ICB allocations issued April 2023**

3. When will the ICS start the process of allocating the additional funds?

**Planning commenced January 2023**

4. What are the specific criteria the ICS will use to allocate the additional funds?

**Prioritising areas identified as a system in the Long-Term Plan**

5. How will the ICS use the additional funds?

**Funding Long Term Plan developments**

6. Is the additional money going to be used to cover financial deficits?

**No**

7. Will the additional funds be used to recruit more Healthcare Professionals?

**Yes – aligned to the Long-Term Plan**

8. Will all the additional funds be used to implement new initiatives to improve mental health services?

**Additional funding allocated to current schemes for little scope for new schemes. 2023-24 is the last year of the Long-Term Plan.**

9. What type of projects will the ICS implement with the additional funds?

**Long Term Plan developments as prioritised in the Mental Health strategy and system ambition for Mental Health services**

10. Is some of the additional money ringfenced to fund initiatives/projects designed to try/test new digital solutions/products?

**Long term plan and ICB ambition currently requires funding digital solutions. Those schemes identified are already in plan.**

11. What type of outcomes is the ICS hoping to achieve with the initiatives/projects funded by the additional money?

**Long term plan key outcomes**

12. What is/are the full name/s of the person/people who is/are overall responsible for making decisions on how funds will be allocated? What are their full contact details?

**ICB Mental Health Director. See contact below for key contact.**

13. Will the additional funds be allocated to Place Based Partnerships and/or Primary care Networks and/or Mental Health Trusts?

**Long term plan and ICB ambition currently requires funding community-based services including Primary Care Networks and Mental Health Trusts. Those schemes identified are already in plan.**

14. As part of the additional funds allocation process:

- a. will the ICS unilaterally decide how/where to allocate the additional funds?
- b. will Place Based Partnerships and/or Primary Care Networks and/or Mental Health Trusts be allowed to apply to receive monies from the additional funds to implement projects they believe will benefit their local patient population?

**All investment decisions have been made, considering our ICB system partnerships and requirements of the Long-Term Plan.**

15. If 14b is true, how will Place Based Partnerships and/or Primary Care Network and/or Mental Health Trusts apply to receive monies from the additional funds?

**Considered as part of the Long-Term Plan planning process.**

16. What is/are the full name/s of the person/people who is/are going to be overall responsible for monitoring the service improvements from the additional investment?

**ICB Mental Health Director – Fleur Carney, who is accountable to the ICB Medical Director (Board member).**

17. What is the process at the ICS/Place Based Partnerships/Primary Care Networks for commissioning pilots for primary care?

**This process remains in development as the ICB matures.**

The reason for this enquiry is that I wish to identify and speak with the relevant ICS personnel about a potential pilot involving a new and different digital therapy for depression.

The product I wish to discuss has shown the potential to realise considerable efficiency savings as well as a considerable release of workload and I would be interested to identify who, if anyone, at the ICS is responsible for increasing capacity by releasing workload. It would be much appreciated if you could supply me with their full contact details.

**Contact details:**

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**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.

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Yours sincerely

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