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Dear

**Re: Your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000**  
**Ref no: FOI-2981-LSC**

Thank you for your request dated 09 March 2023.

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

Please find our response to your questions below:

Q1	Your Question:  Have you (or the previous CCGs areas) ever/in the last 6 years contracted with an independent provider to provide rheumatology services, including waiting list initiatives?
	Our Response:  <b>No.</b>
Q2	Your Question:  Do you have an independent provider on patch for rheumatology services?
	Our Response:  <b>No.</b>
Q3	Your Question:  If so, who are the providers and which areas of the ICB do they cover?
	Our Response:  <b>Not applicable.</b>

Q4	<p>Your Question:</p> <p>Which rheumatology services went through procurement and which were a direct award?</p>
	<p>Our Response:</p> <p><b>Not applicable.</b></p>
Q5	<p>Your Question:</p> <p>Actual spend on each contract/framework (and any sub lots), from the start of the contract to the current date and annually</p>
	<p>Our Response:</p> <p><b>Not applicable.</b></p>
Q6	<p>Your Question:</p> <p>Start date &amp; duration of framework/contract/award?</p>
	<p>Our Response:</p> <p><b>Not applicable.</b></p>
Q7	<p>Your Question:</p> <p>Could you please provide a copy of the service/product specification given to all bidders for when this contract was last advertised?</p>
	<p>Our Response:</p> <p><b>Not applicable.</b></p>
Q8	<p>Your Question:</p> <p>Is there an extension clause in the framework(s)/contract(s) and, if so, the duration of the extension?</p>
	<p>Our Response:</p> <p><b>Not applicable.</b></p>
Q9	<p>Your Question:</p> <p>Has a decision been made yet on whether the framework(s)/contract(s) are being either extended or renewed?</p>
	<p>Our Response:</p> <p><b>Not applicable.</b></p>

Q10	Your Question:  Who is the senior officer (outside of procurement) responsible for this contract?
	Our Response:  <b>Not applicable.</b>

### **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**