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Dear

**Re: Your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000**  
**Ref no: FOI-2992-LSC**

Thank you for your request dated 13 March 2023.

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>Sky News would like to request an update on the £250 million fund that was announced to speed up hospital discharge on January 9: <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/news/up-to-250-million-to-speed-up-hospital-discharge">https://www.gov.uk/government/news/up-to-250-million-to-speed-up-hospital-discharge</a></p> <p>How much of the £250million NHS Lancashire and South Cumbria ICB received/used?</p>
	<p>Our Response:</p> <p><b>Lancashire and South Cumbria were allocated £6.5m via the Hospital Discharge Fund.</b></p>
Q2	<p>Your Question:</p> <p>When did the fund money reach the front line at NHS Lancashire and South Cumbria?</p>
	<p>Our Response:</p> <p><b>The Hospital Discharge Fund, funded schemes from January 2023 in Lancashire and South Cumbria.</b></p>
Q3	<p>Your Question:</p> <p>Can you provide a breakdown of which local authorities in your district the fund was distributed to and how much?</p>

	<p>Our Response:</p> <p><b>Money was not distributed to local authorities.</b></p> <p><b>Local authorities invoiced based on activity for agreed schemes.</b></p> <p><b>The Hospital Discharge Fund is still being invoiced against and final values are not yet known.</b></p>
Q4	<p>Your Question:</p> <p>Can you provide a breakdown of how much of the fund went to care homes, assisted living facilities, and at-home care in your district?</p>
	<p>Our Response:</p> <p><b>The Hospital Discharge Fund is still being invoiced against and a final breakdown of spend is not yet known.</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  
ICB Chief Executive**