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**Re: Your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000**  
**Ref no: FOI-3316-LSC**

Thank you for your request dated 22 June 2023

We can confirm that the ICB does not hold the information you requested.

Please find our response to your questions below:

1. How many spirometry tests for diagnosis of breathlessness symptoms were performed in your ICS from 1 April 2022 to 31st March 2023? Please break this down via: General practice; community diagnostic centre; acute trusts, other (please specify any other settings)

**NHS Lancashire and South Cumbria ICB does not currently hold this information.**

2. How many spirometry tests for diagnosis of breathlessness symptoms were performed in your ICS from 1 April 2019 to 31st March 2020? Please break this down via: General practice; community diagnostic centre; acute trusts, other (please specify any other settings)

**This work would have been undertaken on behalf of Clinical Commissioning Groups which pre-dated NHS Lancashire and South Cumbria ICB and the ICB does not hold this information.**

3. What percentage of general practices within your ICS offer spirometry tests for diagnosis as of the 1st March 2023?

**The ICB does not hold this information**

4. What percentage of community diagnostic centres within your ICS offer spirometry tests for diagnosis as of the 1st March 2023?

**The ICB does not hold this information**

5. What was the number of people with breathlessness symptoms waiting for a spirometry test for diagnosis as of 1st March 2023?

**The ICB does not hold this information**

## **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**