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Dear

Re: Your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000
Ref no: FOI-3115-LSC

Thank you for your request dated 4 May 2023

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

Please find our response to your questions below:

1. What criteria did Lancashire and South Cumbria ICS use to decide on the specific procedures, methodologies and equipment that would be used to complete the diagnostic tests delivered by the community diagnostic centres commissioned by the Integrated Care System?

There is a national service specification for Community Diagnostic Centres (CDCs) to which LSC CDC's are compliant with.

A bespoke demand and capacity modelling tool was utilised to forecast planned activity levels for each of the 4 local CDCs in LSC.

Workforce and equipment requirements for each local CDC were then calculated to deliver the planned activity safely and efficiently.

2. What public and patient consultation did Lancashire and South Cumbria ICS carry out surrounding the specific procedures, methodologies and equipment that would be used to complete the diagnostic tests delivered by the community diagnostic centres commissioned by the Integrated Care System?

The nationally led CDC planning assurance and financial approval process was fast-paced and did not allow adequate time for public and patient consultation.

Over 150,000 diagnostic tests have been undertaken in our 4 local CDCs since opening in July 2021. This extraordinary effort is helping to improve population health outcomes by diagnosing health conditions earlier, faster and more accurately.

3. What discussions has Lancashire and South Cumbria ICS had the on need to adjust the way diagnostic tests are delivered by the community diagnostic centres commissioned by the ICS, to make their delivery of tests and checks more efficient?

Each locality within LSC has a CDC implementation working group, led by the local NHS Provider Trust, where CDC delivery adjustments are discussed.

A monthly LSC CDC implementation highlight report with accompanying CDC activity performance data is shared with both the LSC Integrated Care Board and the LSC Provider Collaborative Board for information and discussion.

LSC CDC activity against planned forecast is also externally monitored and assured by NHS England on a monthly basis.

4. Which specific procedures are conducted by Healthcare Professionals within each diagnostic test available in the Community Diagnostic Centres commissioned by Lancashire and South Cumbria ICS; and b) can the ICS provide a list of any applicable NICE Guidance followed within the diagnostic tests carried out in Community Diagnostic Centres commissioned by Lancashire and South Cumbria ICS?

Imaging tests: Computerised Tomography (CT); Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI); Plain Film X-Ray; and Non-Obstetric Ultrasound.

Endoscopy tests (Pennine Lancashire only): Gastroscopy; Flexi sigmoidoscopy; and Colonoscopy

Physiological measurement tests: Lung function test; Electrocardiogram (ECG); Echocardiogram (Echo); Spirometry; Fractional Exhaled Nitric Oxide (FeNO); Pulse Oximetry; and Sleep Studies

Pathology tests: Phlebotomy and NT-Pro BNP

NICE guidelines involved:

- **NG106 Diagnostic element of chronic heart failure**
- **CG187 Acute heart failure (Diagnostic element)**
- **NG80 Asthma Diagnosis**
- **NG208 Diagnosis heart valve disease**
- **NG202 Diagnosis obstructive sleep apnoea**
- **NG115 Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease in over 16, year olds**
- **CG163 Idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis in adult diagnostic management**
- **CG104 Metastatic malignant disease of unknown primary origin in adults: diagnosis and management (CT and CXR)**
- **NG12 Suspected cancer: recognition and referral (CXR)**
- **NG122 Lung cancer: diagnosis and management (Follow up)**
- **NG231 Barrett's oesophagus and stage 1 oesophageal adenocarcinoma [J] Evidence review for endoscopic and radiological follow-up after treatment (CT)**
- **NG83 Oesophago-gastric cancer: assessment and management in adults (CT staging and follow up)**
- **NG14 Melanoma: assessment and management (follow up CT/ MRI)**
- **CG191 Pneumonia in adults: diagnosis and management (CXR)**
- **NG100 Rheumatoid arthritis in adults: management (XR hands and feet)**
- **NG219 Gout: diagnosis and management (consider XR/CT)**
- **NG33 Tuberculosis (CXR)**
- **CG163 Idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis in adults: diagnosis and management (CXR and HRCT)**
- **CG165 Hepatitis B (chronic): diagnosis and management (Liver US surveillance)**
- **NG49 Non-alcoholic fatty liver disease (NAFLD): assessment and management (US)**
- **NG50 Cirrhosis in over 16s: assessment and management (US)**
- **NG2 Bladder cancer: diagnosis and management (US and CT)**
- **CG188 Gallstone disease: diagnosis and management (US)**
- **CG146 Urinary incontinence in neurological disease: assessment and management (high risk patients e.g. spina bifida offered renal US)**
- **CG122 Ovarian cancer: recognition and initial management (US before referral to 2nd care)**
- **CSG2 Improving outcomes in urological cancers (US and CT)**

Right of Appeal

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Yours sincerely

**On behalf of Kevin Lavery
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