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Re: Your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000
Ref no: FOI-3278-LSC

Thank you for your request dated 5 June 2023

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

Please find our response to your questions below:

Q1	<p>Your Question:</p> <p>What is the current commissioning policy at Lancashire and South Cumbria ICB for implantable cardiac monitoring; and please could you share a copy of this policy?</p> <p>Our Response:</p> <p>NHS Lancashire and South Cumbria ICB can confirm there is no specific clinical policy for this intervention.</p>
Q2	<p>Your Question:</p> <p>(a) Has Lancashire and South Cumbria ICB formally reviewed and had meetings regarding the implementation of the DG41 NICE Guidance that supports the use of implantable cardiac monitors to prevent secondary cryptogenic stroke and increase the detection of atrial fibrillation in people who have had a cryptogenic stroke? (b) Please could you share the minutes related to these meetings?</p> <p>Our Response:</p> <p>Providers are expected to be cognisant and consistent with the latest Royal College and NICE Guidance and evidence based best practice – there has not been any formal review and/or meetings regarding the implementation of NG DG14, therefore we are unable to share any minutes from these meetings.</p> <p>There are reviews taking place across the Northwest footprint as part of the Outpatient Transformation Programme where cardiology as a specialty has been identified as a priority, however, this is still in the preliminary stages of development.</p>

Further details in terms of adherence to the Guidance and service delivery will need to be directed to the Providers.
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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.

To request an internal review

You can request this by contacting the FOI team by email at 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
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Yours sincerely

**On behalf of Kevin Lavery
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