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Re: Your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000
Ref no: FOI-3353-LSC

Thank you for your request dated 10 July 2023

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

Please find our response to your questions below:

1. FDS consultants are commissioned by NHS England to deliver a referral management service for dental treatment.

Can you provide me with an area-by-area breakdown of the number of patients currently held by FDS consultants & referral management systems awaiting orthodontic assessment/treatment in the following areas.

Lancashire

For the area of Lancashire and South Cumbria, there are currently 12,539 patients waiting for an Orthodontic assessment. NHS Orthodontic treatment will only then be provided for those patients who meet the NHS funding criteria for NHS orthodontic treatment.

2. Can you provide me an area-by-area breakdown of the earliest date of referral for a patient awaiting orthodontic assessment (i.e. for the patient waiting the longest for assessment/treatment) currently held by FDS Consultants & referral management systems in the following areas.

Lancashire

For the area of Lancashire and South Cumbria, the earliest date of referral is 09/04/2021.

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
www.ico.gov.uk

Yours sincerely

On behalf of Kevin Lavery
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