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Re: Your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000
Ref no: FOI-3375-LSC

Thank you for your request dated 18 July 2023

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

Please find our response to your questions below:

Q1	<p>Your Question:</p> <p>I am writing to you today to request information about the harmonisation of varicose veins policies workstream. Specifically, I would like to know who is responsible for aligning the CCG policies into 1 ICB policy, what their contact address and email is, and the current status of the workstream please.</p> <p>I am interested in this information so that the correct person can receive a letter via email from the Vascular and Venous All- Party Parliamentary group with regards to a more consistent approach to commissioning policies</p>
	<p>Our Response:</p> <p>All Lancashire and South Cumbria (LSC) commissioning policies, including the Varicose Veins Policy, were harmonised in a programme of work spanning 2016 to 2020, therefore there is already a single suite of policies in place to cover the LSC ICB footprint.</p> <p>LSC Integrated Care Board :: Policies and procedures (icb.nhs.uk)</p> <p>To ensure that correspondence from the Vascular and Venous All-Party Parliamentary Group is directed to the correct recipient it can be submitted to the ICB via the contact details on our website.</p> <p>LSC Integrated Care Board :: General enquiries (icb.nhs.uk)</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 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
ICB Chief Executive**