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Re: Your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000
Ref no: FOI-3391-LSC

Thank you for your request dated 26 July.

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

Please find our response to your questions below:

Q1	Your Question: What is your data protection and information governance compliance budget for the financial years of 2023-2024 and 2024-2025?
	Our Response: 2023/24 budget = £546,934. 2024/25 budget not yet planned. The assumed value would be the same - £546,934 Note: This includes an element for support to GP Practices for Primary Care Enabling Services (PCES) which includes Information Governance services, but also other support services. The PCES Service provision includes: Registration Authority support services, Information Governance support services, Clinical Safety Officer support and NHS mail administration support. The Information Governance element is not separately identifiable.

Q2	<p>Your Question:</p> <p>How much of the budget referred to in Question 1 split between internal and external support for each financial year, if applicable?</p> <p>Our Response:</p> <p>Corporate (internal) support = £403,886 GP Practice (External) support = £143,048 (see note below)</p> <p>Note: the GP Practice element is for PCES support as noted above, and is for a variety of support services, one of which is Information Governance.</p>
Q3	<p>Your Question:</p> <p>If your organisation outsources their data protection and information governance functions, which organisation/individual do you outsource it to?</p> <p>Our Response:</p> <p>Midlands and Lancashire Commissioning Support Unit (MLCSU).</p>
Q4	<p>Your Question:</p> <p>Does your organisation have any plans, requests, applications, or proposals to increase or decrease the budget referred to in Question 1 in any of the following financial years: 2025-2026, 2026-2027?</p> <p>Our Response:</p> <p>No.</p>
Q5	<p>Your Question:</p> <p>If the answer to Question 4 is yes, by how much?</p> <p>Our Response:</p> <p>N/A.</p>
Q6	<p>Your Question:</p> <p>If the answer to Question 4 is yes, how much of the budget referred to in Question 5 split between internal external support?</p> <p>Our Response:</p> <p>N/A.</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
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