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Dear

Re: Your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000
Ref no: FOI-3371-LSC

Thank you for your request dated 14 July 2023.

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

Please find our response to your questions below:

1. Please can you provide the number of individual funding requests made that were either approved, not approved, redirected, rejected or withdrawn in each of the following financial years: 2018/19, 2019/20, 2020/21, 2021/22 and 2022/23, relating to body contouring surgery.

Can you please provide the information broken down by procedure/treatment to include:
Abdominoplasty, Abdominolipectomy, Apronectomy, Abdominal repair and reconstruction, Panniculectomy, Brachioplasty, Buttock Lift, Thigh Lift.

Please refer to the attached document.

Please note, under Section 40 (2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 - Information can be withheld if it relates to information which constitutes personal data.

The first condition is that the disclosure of the information to a member of the public otherwise than under this Act—

a) Would contravene any of the data protection principles.

In this instance we believe that it would likely breach the first Data Protection Principle therefore we are restricting the requested information to prevent the possibility it could potentially identify an individual or inadvertently identify any patients.

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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