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Re: Your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000
Ref no: FOI-3341-LSC

Thank you for your request dated 5 July 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>From 2018 - July 2023:</p> <p>The numbers of patients who have been prescribed antidepressants in the following years after a phone consultation</p>
	<p>Our Response:</p> <p>NHS Lancashire and South Cumbria ICB do not hold this information.</p>
Q2	<p>Your Question:</p> <p>The numbers of patients who have been prescribed antidepressants in the following years after one GP consultation regarding their mental health</p>
	<p>Our Response:</p> <p>NHS Lancashire and South Cumbria ICB do not hold this information.</p>

Q3	<p>Your Question:</p> <p>Can I also confirm if there is a method by which the NHS tracks side effects experienced from use of these drugs?</p> <p>Antidepressants in this instance refers to any of the following classifications of drugs: SSRIs, SNRIs, NASSAs, TCAs, SARIs, MAOIs.</p>
	<p>Our Response:</p> <p>Please redirect to The Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency who hold this information:</p> <p>https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/medicines-and-healthcare-products-regulatory-agency</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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