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**Re: Your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000**  
**Ref no: FOI-3650-LSC**

Thank you for your request dated 10 November 2023.

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

Please find our response to your questions below:

Q1	Your Question:  What the policy is for nice recommended weightloss injections for Blackpool Residents.
	<b>Our Response:</b>  <b>NICE have introduced a policy in September 2023, and the recommendations are currently being discussed with our Tier 3 Weight Management Services with a view of implementation against guidelines.</b>
Q2	Your Question:  I would to know why it is not commissioned in Blackpool under the tier 3 specialist weight management service.
	<b>Our Response:</b>  <b>As above, these recommendations are currently being discussed with the services and plans are being developed for implementation of this new provision.</b>

Q3	<p>Your Question:</p> <p>And what plans are in place to rectify this?</p> <p>Our Response:</p> <p><b>Discussions are currently taking place between the ICB and the Tier 3 weight management service.</b></p>
Q4	<p>Your Question:</p> <p>I would also like to know why there is such a delay in being referred to this service and then a further delay in being referred to the bariatric surgery pathway.</p> <p>Our Response:</p> <p><b>There are currently pressures accessing the Tier 3 weight management service due to the current high levels of demand for this service. This service is delivered by Blackpool Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, and you may wish to contact the trust in relation to specific actions to address this:</b>  <a href="https://www.bfwh.nhs.uk/our-services/information-governance/freedom-of-information-f-o-i/">https://www.bfwh.nhs.uk/our-services/information-governance/freedom-of-information-f-o-i/</a></p> <p><b>There is a service specification for the Tier 4 Bariatric Service and there is a clear pathway outlined from the Tier 3 into the Tier 4 service. Patient are signed off as able to be referred to a Tier 4 service through a clinically led Multi-Disciplinary Team to ensure patients are fully worked-up before referral. A decision to refer to a Tier 4 service is a medical decision following completion of the Tier 3 requirements for eligibility.</b></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](mailto: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](http://www.ico.gov.uk)

Yours sincerely

**On behalf of Kevin Lavery  
 ICB Chief Executive**