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Re: Your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000
Ref no: FOI-3652-LSC

Thank you for your request dated 13 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	<p>Your Question:</p> <p>What is your estimate of the incidence of PoTS in the population of Herefordshire and Worcestershire and how many patients have been diagnosed with the condition over the last 5 years?</p>
	<p>Our Response:</p> <p>The ICB does not hold this information. Please redirect to East Lancashire Hospitals NHS Trust who may be able to assist:</p> <p>https://elht.nhs.uk/about-us/freedom-of-information</p>
Q2	<p>Your Question:</p> <p>Is there evidence of a growth in PoTS diagnoses since May 2020 due to patients suffering with long-Covid?</p>
	<p>Our Response:</p> <p>As per question 1.</p>
Q3	<p>Your Question:</p>

	To which specialty within secondary care are PoTS patients referred for investigation, diagnosis and longer-term management?
	Our Response: As per question 1.
Q4	Your Question: Are there established ICB patient pathways in place for the referral, diagnosis and management of a) adult patients and b) paediatric patients with PoTS in your local population?
	Our Response: No.
Q5	Your Question: Do a) adult patients and b) paediatric patients diagnosed with PoTS have access to a specialised PoTS clinic or service for treatment by dedicated clinicians with an interest/expertise in the condition? If so, please provide details of individual adult and paediatric services patients are referred to.
	Our Response: As per question 1.
Q6	Your Question: How is activity coded for adult and paediatric patients with a diagnosis of PoTS?
	Our Response: As per question 1.

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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, Wycliff House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF

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Yours sincerely

**On behalf of Kevin Lavery
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