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Re: Your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000
Ref no: FOI-3702-LSC

Thank you for your request dated 4 December 2023.

We can confirm that the ICB does not hold the information you requested.

Please find our response to your questions below:

1. Do you have a specialist service for long Covid patients? Please name the clinic/service
2. How many patients in your local NHS area have been referred to the clinic/service to date?
3. How many staff do you have working in the service FTE (full time equivalent) broken down by job title of:
 - a) doctor
 - b) nurse
 - c) physiotherapist
 - d) occupational therapist
 - e) clinical psychologist/psychiatrist/ CBT practitioner
 - f) other, please specify
4. For any doctors employed, please specify their specialism e.g. GP, cardiologist, neurologist
5. Does the service have the ability in-house to prescribe medications to long Covid patients?
6. If so, please list the 3 most common drugs prescribed for long Covid patients by the clinic
7. Does the service have the ability to order tests and scans?
8. If so please list the 3 most commonly ordered tests/scans/diagnostic questionnaires for long Covid patients by the clinic
9. Please provide figures for how many patients referred to the clinic/service received the following type of treatment:
 - a) A wellbeing programme

- b) physical rehabilitation
 - c) psychological support
 - d) A brain retraining or Neuro Linguistic Programming-based course such as the Lightning Process, Gupta Programme or Nuffield programme (please specify which)
 - d) drug treatment
 - e) other, please specify
10. If not provided in-house, which of the following types of services does the clinic/service refer patients on to or recommend?
- a) A wellbeing programme
 - b) physical rehabilitation
 - c) psychological support
 - d) A brain retraining or Neuro Linguistic Programming-based course such as the Lightning Process, Gupta Programme or Nuffield programme (please specify which)
 - d) drug treatment
 - e) other, please specify
11. Is the clinic expected to continue running after 2025?
12. * For English ICBS only* Which NHS trust is responsible for the care of patients referred to a long Covid clinic in your area?

NHS Lancashire and South Cumbria do not hold this information. You may wish to redirect your request to Lancashire and South Cumbria NHS Foundation Trust as the host provider of this service:

<https://www.lscft.nhs.uk/about-us/publications-reports-policies/freedom-information>

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 40 working days 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 Leyland 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
www.ico.gov.uk

Yours sincerely

**On behalf of Kevin Lavery
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