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**Re: Your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000**  
**Ref no: FOI-3460-LSC**

Thank you for your request dated 10 August 2023.

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

Please find our response to your questions below:

Q1	Your Question:  We understand that Trust does not hold any contracts with the CHEC/RMC, as their contract is an ICB commissioned contract. Therefore, we anticipate that the relevant contract will be held by ICB. Please could you confirm whether there is any contractual relationship between CHEC and RMC and the trust. If there is, please could you provide any contracts / documentation to assist with our investigations.
	Our Response:  <b>NHS Lancashire and South Cumbria ICB holds a contract with the RMC to manage referrals for the Central Lancashire and Blackpool and Fylde localities. We also have contracts with CHEC to deliver Ophthalmology activity and Cataract Surgery across Lancashire and South Cumbria, in addition we have an acute contract with Lancashire Teaching Hospitals. We do not hold a contract that specifically connects the three organisations.</b>

### **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**