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**Re: Your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000**

**Ref no:** FOI-3666-LSC

Thank you for your request dated 17 November 2023. I can confirm that the ICB does hold the information you have requested and our responses are outlined below.

Question no.	Question	Response
1	<p>I am writing in relation to news that the Government has refused requests from NHS England to allocate £1 billion to address the financial impact on NHS budgets from industrial action, and that NHSE has now told finance directors that c. £600m from the previously ringfenced "service development fund" for several improvement initiatives can be repurposed to support their financial plans.</p> <p><a href="https://www.hsj.co.uk/finance-and-efficiency/electives-and-capital-to-be-cut-after-treasury-refuses-1bn-strike-cash-plea/7035934.article">https://www.hsj.co.uk/finance-and-efficiency/electives-and-capital-to-be-cut-after-treasury-refuses-1bn-strike-cash-plea/7035934.article</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.hsj.co.uk/finance-and-efficiency/cancer-prevention-and-learning-disabilities-set-for-sensible-budget-raids/7035947.article">https://www.hsj.co.uk/finance-and-efficiency/cancer-prevention-and-learning-disabilities-set-for-sensible-budget-raids/7035947.article</a></p> <p>Under the Freedom of Information Act regulations, I would like to request the following information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- What is your budget for dentistry this financial year</li> </ul>	<p>Total Dentistry budget 23/24 £128,765,000</p>
2	How much has been spent as of 8th November 2023	£74,072,475
3	What is your estimated underspend in dentistry this year	As at M7 no estimated underspend
4	How much, if any, of this will be made available to support your financial plans?	N/a as no underspend reported to date
5	What assessment you have made of the impact these budget reallocations will have on patients and services?	The primary care contracts are all fully funded, the ICB has also continued to

	invest resources into additional services to provide urgent access to dentistry for patients in pain, this being one off treatments, and when needed additional services to make those patients orally fit with additional dental appointments. The industrial action resources however do not impact upon dentistry.
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### **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**