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**Re: Your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000**  
**Ref no: FOI-3680-LSC**

Thank you for your request dated 24 November 2023

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

Please find our response to your questions below:

1. Do you currently provide a Community MSK Physiotherapy Service?

- Central Lancashire – Yes**
- West Lancashire – No, therefore Q2-7 not applicable**
- BwD/East Lancs – Yes**
- Blackpool – Yes**
- South Cumbria - Yes**

2. As part of this service, do you provide the following:

a) Standard Physiotherapy Service

**For Blackpool, Central Lancashire, Blackburn with Darwen and South Cumbria areas within the ICB footprint commission a standard Physiotherapy service**

b) Rheumatology Service

**For Central Lancashire, Blackburn with Darwen areas within the ICB footprint commission a Rheumatology service**

**For Blackpool, this service is provided via Blackpool Teaching Hospitals but do not currently sit under MSK**

**For South Cumbria – a this service do not sit under MSK, separate specialties provided by University Hospitals of Morecambe Bay**

c) Pain Service

**Blackburn with Darwen area within the ICB footprint commission a Pain service.**

**For Blackpool, this service is provided via Blackpool Teaching Hospitals but do not currently sit under MSK**

**For South Cumbria – a this service do not sit under MSK, separate specialties provided by University Hospitals of Morecambe Bay**

d) Ortho/ICATs/MCATs Service

**For Central Lancashire, Blackburn with Darwen areas within the ICB footprint commission Ortho/ICATs/MCATs Service**

**For Blackpool, this service is provided via Blackpool Teaching Hospitals but do not currently sit under MSK**

3. If yes, are any of these Consultant-Led, and if so, which are?
  - **Central Lancashire – as above b, d**
  - **BwD/East Lancs – as above b & c**
  - **Blackpool - yes, all as above**
  - **South Cumbria – yes, as above**
4. What is the total spend per annum for the Community MSK Physiotherapy Service? Please could you provide a break down of each of the above referenced services also if possible.
  - **Central Lancashire - £7,778,908 – no breakdown available**
  - **BwD/East Lancs – not available as part of block value for all Community services.**
  - **Blackpool - not available as part of block value for all Community services.**
  - **South Cumbria - not available as part of block value for all Community services.**
5. For each of the above referenced services, are providers expected to provide any additional services that sit outside of normal scope of practice e.g. hydrotherapy, domiciliary physio or fracture liaison services?
  - **Central Lancashire – hydrotherapy**
  - **BwD/East Lancs – N/A**
  - **Blackpool – No but Fracture Liaison work currently led by Rheumatology at Blackpool Teaching Hospitals**
  - **South Cumbria – N/A**
6. What is the average referral to treatment time for each of the above referenced services?
  - **Central Lancashire - 5 weeks**
  - **BwD/East Lancs – We do not have access to this information.**
  - **Blackpool - MSK- 6-8 weeks. Pain Management- 40 weeks**
  - **South Cumbria – Maximum 6 weeks for MSK**
7. Please confirm who the current provider(s) is(are)?
  - **Central Lancashire – Lancashire and South Cumbria NHS Foundation Trust**
  - **BwD/East Lancs – East Lancashire Hospitals NHS Trust**
  - **Blackpool Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust**
  - **University Hospitals of Morecambe Bay NHS Foundation Trust**

## **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](mailto: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, 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**