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

**Ref no: FOI-3635-LSC**

Thank you for your request dated 03 November 2023.

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

Please find our response to your questions below:

Q1	<p>Your Question:</p> <p>How many applications for support under the HTCS were made to your ICB (or predecessor collective CCGs) for each of the following financial years:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 2019/20</li><li>• 2020/21</li><li>• 2021/22</li><li>• 2022/23</li><li>• 2022/24 (to the end of October)</li></ul> <p>Our Response:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>2019/20 - 209</b></li><li>• <b>2020/21 - 74</b></li><li>• <b>2021/22 -115</b></li><li>• <b>2022/23 - 129</b></li><li>• <b>2022/24 (to the end of October)-101</b></li></ul>
Q2	<p>Your Question:</p> <p>How many HTCS support requests were approved by your ICB (or predecessor collective CCGs) for each of the following financial years:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 2019/20</li><li>• 2020/21</li><li>• 2021/22</li><li>• 2022/23</li><li>• 2022/24 (to the end of October)</li></ul>

	<p>Our Response:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>2019/20 - 196</b></li> <li>• <b>2020/21 - 71</b></li> <li>• <b>2021/22 - 114</b></li> <li>• <b>2022/23 -127</b></li> <li>• <b>2022/24 (to the end of October) - 101</b></li> </ul>
Q3	<p>Your Question:</p> <p>How much did your ICB (or predecessor collective CCGs) collective spend to support HTCS requests for each of the following financial years:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2019/20</li> <li>• 2020/21</li> <li>• 2021/22</li> <li>• 2022/23</li> <li>• 2022/24 (to the end of October)</li> </ul>
	<p>Our Response:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>2019/20 - £7267.45</b></li> <li>• <b>2020/21 - £7087.49</b></li> <li>• <b>2021/22 - £13,353.65</b></li> <li>• <b>2022/23 - £6123.88</b></li> <li>• <b>2022/24 (to the end of October) - £3207.65</b></li> </ul>
Q4	<p>Your Question:</p> <p>If it does not exceed the time limits for compiling the response, and the information is available, please can you confirm how many of the above requests for support under the HTCS were for travel to receive treatment at NHS services outside of your ICB area. Please break this response down by each of the following financial years.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2019/20</li> <li>• 2020/21</li> <li>• 2021/22</li> <li>• 2022/23</li> <li>• 2022/24 (to the end of October)</li> </ul>
	<p>Our Response:</p> <p><b>Lancashire and South Cumbria ICB does not hold this information.</b></p>

### **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**