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**Re: Your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000**  
**Ref no: FOI-3699-LSC**

Thank you for your request dated 29 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>Please provide your guide for the continuing healthcare assessment practice currently operated by LSC, particularly the following:</p> <p>a) What updates/revisions have been made to the NHS Continuing Healthcare Practice Guidance published July 2022?</p> <p>Our Response:</p> <p><b>LSC follows the Framework as per NHS Guidance.</b></p>
Q2	<p>Your Question:</p> <p>Does it remain a requirement for the nurse assessor to personally visit the person needing care?</p> <p>Our Response:</p> <p><b>The Nurse Assessor manages a caseload of patients which will entail them to complete visits. Within the ICB we express to our staff that face to face visits must be completed unless exceptional circumstances.</b></p>
Q3	<p>Your Question:</p> <p>Is it a requirement for the nurse assessor to be a registered nurse with a professional body and which professional bodies are accepted?</p> <p>Our Response:</p> <p><b>Yes, a Nurse Assessors has to be a registered nurse – either RMN/RNLD. Allied Health Professionals with AHP registration can also be a CHC Assessor.</b></p>
Q4	<p>Your Question:</p>

	For the MDT, can the nurse assessor be one of the two required professionals from health and social care? Our Response: <b>Yes, they are part of facilitating and contributing to multi-disciplinary assessments and patient reviews. They are the chair &amp; 1 of the professional decision makers.</b>
Q5	Your Question: Is it NHS CHC practice guidance for the nurse assessor to also be the LSC-appointed coordinator for the assessment process? Our Response: <b>Yes, a nurse assessor can also be the LSC-appointed coordinator for the assessment process.</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 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**