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Dear

Re: Your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000
Ref no: FOI-3772-LSC

Thank you for your request dated 17 January 2024.

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

Please find our response to your questions below:

1. The number of doctors currently registered/approved to receive payment for undertaking MHA assessments?

88 doctors are registered to receive payment.

2. Do you hold a contract with any of these doctors/companies for undertaking a set number of MHA assessments (as opposed to spot payments for each assessment undertaken)?

No.

3. Do you capture the total number of assessments as opposed to number of claims (as one assessment may give rise to claims from two doctors)? If so, what was the total number of assessments in 2022 and what was the total number of assessments in 2023?

2022 – 5,233 assessments.

2023 – 1,571 assessments.

4. How many claims for payment for MHA assessments were *received* from doctors relating to assessments undertaken in 2022? If different, how many claims for MHA assessments were *paid* to

doctors for assessments undertaken in 2022?

Please refer to the table below:

Item	Description	12 Mth Total
Claims created	Claims created by AMHPs	5335
Claims declined	Number of claims declined by the doctor; these claims were not submitted to the paying organisation	41
Claims submitted	Claims submitted to the paying organisation by the doctor	5234
Claims rejected	Claims rejected by the paying organisation	10
Claims approved	Claims approved for payment by the paying organisation	5085
Claims paid	Claims marked as paid by the paying organisation, indicating that the doctor will receive payment shortly	4966

5. How many claims for payment for MHA assessments were *received* from doctors relating to assessments undertaken in 2023? If different, how many claims for MHA assessments were *paid* to doctors for assessments undertaken in 2022?

Please refer to the table below:

Item	2023
Claims created	2018
Claims declined	19
Claims submitted	2049
Claims rejected	1
Claims approved	1869
Claims paid	1552

6. Do you make use of the s12 app? If so, approximately what % of doctors' claims are made through this app?

Yes – 100% of claims.

7. In 2023 what was the number of claims made in relation to patients who are registered with a GP in your geography but were assessed within the boundaries of another ICB (out of area patients)?

AMHP data would need to be requested from the Local Authority. Please redirect to the following:

<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/council/transparency/access-to-information/access-information-held-by-the-county-council/>

<http://www.blackburn.gov.uk/data-and-information/freedom-information>

<https://www.westlancs.gov.uk/about-the-council/information-governance/freedom-of-information.aspx>

<https://www.blackpool.gov.uk/Your-Council/Transparency-and-open-data/Freedom-of-information/Freedom-of-information.aspx>

<https://new.fylde.gov.uk/council/transparency/freedom-of-information/#:~:text=Fylde%20Borough%20Council%20is%20a,be%20supplied%20with%20that%20information.>

<https://www.wyre.gov.uk/data-us/freedom-information>

[https://chorley.gov.uk/article/1384/Freedom-of-information-FOI#:~:text=Make%20an%20FOI%20request,days%20\(around%20a%20month\).](https://chorley.gov.uk/article/1384/Freedom-of-information-FOI#:~:text=Make%20an%20FOI%20request,days%20(around%20a%20month).)

<https://www.southribble.gov.uk/freedomofinformation>

<https://www.preston.gov.uk/article/1236/Freedom-of-Information-Act>

<https://www.morecambe.gov.uk/freedom-of-information/>

8. In 2023 what was the number of claims made in relation to patients registered with a GP within the boundaries of another ICB but currently located within your geography (assessments undertaken under reciprocal arrangements)?

As per the response to question 7.

9. Is the same mileage rate paid to doctors under contract (if you have any) as for ad hoc assessments?

Standard if paid.

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 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

Yours sincerely

Professor Craig Harris – Chief Operating Officer

**On behalf of Kevin Lavery
ICB Chief Executive**