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**Re: Your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000**  
**Ref no: FOI-3784-LSC**

Thank you for your request dated 19 January 2024.

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

Please find our response to your questions below:

1. Can you please tell me whether you are able to prevent a medic prescribing for clinical need? For example the prescribing of T3, Liothyronine for a patient with underactive thyroid but cannot tolerate T4 levothyroxine. Patient currently without treatment as told T3 not approved. However T3 is not banned by NHS and has been acknowledged as appropriate treatment for some patients?

**A section 21 exemption has been applied as information on the prescribing of liothyronine monotherapy in Lancashire and South Cumbria is publicly available:**

<https://www.lancsmmg.nhs.uk/medicines-library/liothyronine-monotherapy-for-the-management-of-chronic-hypothyroidism-primary-and-secondary-care/>

**This position was adopted by each legacy CCG formulary, which should still be followed until the ICB formulary is available. If a clinician does feel that a patient is clinically exceptional and in need of a medication that the ICB does not commission then an individual funding request can be considered and submitted via the following:**

<https://www.lancashireandsouthcumbria.icb.nhs.uk/our-work/individual-funding-requests-ifr>

### **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

**Dr David Levy**

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