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Dear

**Re: Your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000**  
**Ref no: FOI-2897-LSC**

Thank you for your request dated 08 February 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>The criteria used by the NHS to identify the priority wards in Blackpool eligible for the additional funding of up to £10,000.00</p> <hr/> <p>Our Response:</p> <p><b>The criteria used by the NHS to identify “Priority Wards” in Blackpool is a cross comparison of socio-economic deprivation and the standardised emergency admission rate for ambulatory care and urgent care sensitive conditions, where specific council wards are outliers with significantly more admissions even than might be expected based on their deprivation score. These criteria, and the identification of the Priority Wards is drawn from a nationally commission data analysis completed for NHS England. The Lancashire and South Cumbria report can be found attached and which outlines the full methodology used.</b></p>
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### **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**