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Dear Anton Ferrie,

Re: Your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000
Ref no: FOI-3258-LSC

Thank you for your request dated 23 May 2023.

We can confirm that the ICB does not hold the information you requested.

Please find our response to your questions below:

Please may I request the following information from your integrated care board. For ease of collation, the information could be provided in the tables provided after each question.

1. The numbers total of patients who have been prescribed antidepressants in the each of the years 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023 so far.

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023 so far
Total patients prescribed antidepressants						

2. The number of patients under the age of 18 who have been prescribed antidepressants in each of the same years.

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023 so far
Total patients under 18 prescribed antidepressants						

3. The total number of patients under the age of 18 prescribed each of the following types of antidepressants in each of the same years

	Under 18s 2018	Under 18s 2019	Under 18s 2020	Under 18s 2021	Under 18s 2022	Under 18s 2023 so far
SSRIs						
SNRIs						

NASSAs						
TCAs						
SARIs						
MAOIs						

4. The number of patients under 18 who have been prescribed antidepressants in each of the same years, specifically as part of the treatment of Obsessive Compulsive Disorder and related symptoms.

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023 so far
Total patients under 18 prescribed antidepressants as part of treatment for OCD						

5. The number of patients under 18 who have begun Talking Therapies ('psychotherapy') in each of the same years.

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023 so far
Total patients under 18 begun talking therapies						

Antidepressants in this instance refers to any of the following classifications of drugs: SSRIs, SNRIs, NASSAs, TCAs, SARIs, MAOIs

NHS Lancashire and South Cumbria ICB does not routinely hold this data, the NHS Business Services Authority (BSA) is the registered keeper of prescribing data and therefore please redirect your request to BSA as they hold the information you require.

<https://opendata.nhsbsa.net/theme/freedom-of-information-disclosure-log>

Routine prescribing data is available on their open data portal ([Welcome - Open Data Portal BETA \(nhsbsa.net\)](#)), please refer to the portal where you are able to either access the data or request data directly from the BSA.

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 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

Yours sincerely

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