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**Re: Your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000**  
**Ref no: FOI-3661-LSC**

Thank you for your request dated 16 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><i>As per the 2023/24 planning guidance, the funding allocated for Virtual Ward's capacity in 2023/24 is part of the wider allocations for UEC capacity, which comprises an opening allocation of £590m and an additional £380m to be issued during the planning process. Lancashire and South Cumbria ICB has been allocated a total of £40,088m, out of which £28,355m is a part of the £590m allocation and £11,733m is a part of the additional £380m allocation.</i></p> <p>- Can you confirm how much of this funding has been directly allocated or forecasted to be allocated for the development, implementation, and running of Virtual Wards?</p> <p>Our Response:</p> <p><b>Utilising the Urgent and Emergency Care (UEC) capacity monies, the ICB created a 2023/24 budget of £7.148m of which it is currently forecast to spend £6.148m.</b></p>
Q2	<p>Your Question:</p> <p><i>Docobo is a current supplier of remote monitoring support virtual wards. The contract started in April 2021, and it is a rolling contract and subject to review.</i></p> <p>- Will Docobo contract be rolling post-April 2024?</p>

	<p>Our Response:</p> <p><b>All commissioning contracts are being reviewed and no decision on this has been made yet.</b></p>
Q3	<p>Your Question:</p> <p>If not:</p> <p>- Who will be the new supplier of remote monitoring support for virtual wards?</p>
	<p>Our Response:</p> <p><b>N/A.</b></p>
Q4	<p>Your Question:</p> <p>What will be the contract length?</p>
	<p>Our Response:</p> <p><b>N/A.</b></p>
Q5	<p>Your Question:</p> <p>What is the Value of the contract?</p>
	<p>Our Response:</p> <p><b>N/A.</b></p>

### **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**