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Dear Dr Viaris De Lesegno,

**Re: Your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000  
Ref no: FOI-1903-FW**

Thank you for your request dated 31 August 2021.

We can confirm that the CCG does not hold part of the information you requested.

Please find our response to your questions below:

Q1	<p>Your Question:</p> <p>How many consultations are there per year in each of the following care settings for chronic pain. Please provide us with the financial years of 2018-2019, 2019-2020 and 2020-2021.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- How many consultations are there in Community services?</li> <li>- How many consultations are there in Primary care (general practice)?</li> <li>- How many consultations are there in Secondary Care (Acute Hospitals)</li> </ul>
	<p>Our Response:</p> <p><b>CCGs are not the registered keepers of prescribing data, this is held by the Prescription Pricing Division of the Business Services Authority.</b></p> <p><b>Any requests for primary care prescribing data should be referred to the NHSBSA Open Data Portal – available on the link below:</b></p> <p><a href="#"><b>Open Data Portal (ODP)   NHSBSA</b></a></p>

Q2	<p>Your Question:</p> <p>How many patients per year does that represent? In each care setting for each of the following financial years (2018-2019), (2019-2020) and (2020-2021).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Primary care (general practice) - in the years (2018-2019), (2019-2020) and (2020-21).</li> <li>• Community Services - in the years (2018-2019), (2019-2020) and (2020-2021).</li> <li>• Secondary care (acute hospitals) - in the years (2018-2019), (2019-2020) and (2020-21).</li> </ul> <p>Our Response:</p> <p><b>As above.</b></p>
Q3	<p>Your Question:</p> <p>What is the total cost of medication per year for Chronic Pain?</p> <p>Please give us the total cost for providing the following analgesics on prescription in each of the following care-settings: (Primary = GP and Community Services) and (Secondary = Acute Hospital Settings) for the following years: 2018-19, 2019-20 and 2020-21. Please note, we recognise that it may be impossible to dissociate the prescription of these drugs for pain or for other indication. In that case, please just provide us with the total cost irrespective of indication. Please consider referring to the BNF analgesics chapter.</p> <p>Our Response:</p> <p><b>As above.</b></p>
Q4	<p>Your Question:</p> <p>Do you have a secondary care pain unit in the CCG? If so, how many referrals are made to this unit per year? For the following financial years: (2018-19), (2019-20) and (2020-21).</p> <p>Our Response:</p> <p><b>As above.</b></p>
Q5	<p>Your Question:</p> <p>Do you have community pain services? If so, how many consultations are made to these services per year? For the following financial years: (2018-19), (2019-20) and (2020-21). How are these services commissioned?</p> <p>Our Response:</p> <p><b>As above.</b></p>

Q6	<p>Your Question:</p> <p>What is the total cost of care per year for Chronic Pain? In each setting for each financial year.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Primary care (general practice) - in the years (2018-2019), (2019-2020) and (2020-2021).</li> <li>• Community Services - in the years (2018-2019), (2019-2020) and (2020-21).</li> <li>• Secondary care (acute hospitals) - in the years (2018-2019), (2019-2020) and (2020-21).</li> </ul> <p>Our Response:</p> <p><b>As above.</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

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