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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – DECISION NOTICE

Dear Requester

FOI Reference Number: 72090

I refer to your email of 01 December 2023 requesting information in relation to Individual Funding Requests received for Pediatric Acute-onset Neuropsychiatric Syndrome)/Paediatric Autoimmune Disorders Associated with Streptococcal Infections.

I can confirm on behalf of NHS Lincolnshire Integrated Care Board (ICB) and in accordance with S.1 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) that we do hold the information that you have requested. A response to each element of your request is detailed below.

I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

I am requesting information from your NHS Integrated Care Board regarding the number of IFRs (Individual Funding Request) you have received for PANS (Pediatric Acute-onset Neuropsychiatric Syndrome)/PANDAS (Paediatric Autoimmune Disorders Associated with Streptococcal Infections)/Immune mediated component to behaviour. Could you also indicate how many of these have been accepted for an IFR.

The information sought is withheld from disclosure into the public domain by virtue of the exemption set at section 40(2) relating to personal information.

The ICB considers that this information is exempt under Freedom of Information Act 2000, Section 40(2) (personal information) as disclosure of this level of detail could lead to the identification of individuals, which would be in breach of Section 24(1) of the Data Protection Act 2018 and Article 21 of the UK General Data Protection Regulation. Although I cannot confirm the exact figure, I can confirm that the number in each of these categories is fewer than 5.

The FOIA introduces a broader concept of risk of personal identifiable information because its test for deciding whether personal data can be disclosed is whether disclosure to a member of the public would breach the data protection principles. This means that public

authorities have to assess whether releasing apparently anonymised data to a member of the public would breach the data protection principles.

This is intended to ensure that public authorities take into account the additional information that a member of the public might have (information on the Web or in news reports, public libraries, court records etc.) that could allow data to be combined to produce information that relates to and identifies a particular individual - and that is therefore personal data.

Low statistical values increase the likelihood of seemingly anonymised information being combined with other information to identify an individual.

I hope that this answers your queries with the information we currently hold, but if I can be of any further assistance please do not hesitate to contact me.

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to

Arden & GEM Greater East Midlands Commissioning Support Unit
FOI TEAM/Corporate Communications Team
1st Floor, St John's House
East Street
Leicester
LE1 6NB

If you are not content with the outcome of your complaint, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the complaints procedure provided the ICB.

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email icocasework@ico.org.uk and <https://ico.org.uk/global/contact-us/>

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Yours faithfully

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**On behalf of
NHS Lincolnshire ICB**