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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – DECISION NOTICE

Dear Requester

FOI Reference Number: 72272

I refer to your email of 15 January 2024 and your clarification email of 18 January 2024 requesting information in relation to the ICB's prescribing spend.

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. Please see further details below and in the attached file

Under the FOI act, could I please have, split into 'primary care prescribing' and 'overall prescribing spend':

[Clarification – just practice prescribing costs please]

- **What was your full-year budget for prescribing costs at the start of 23/24? Please also say what your planned prescribing spend was YTD at month 10***
- **Then forecast full-year spend on prescribing at year-end 23/24. Also actual prescribing spend YTD at month 10****
- **What was the assumed rate of growth in prescribing costs in your financial plan for 23/24, compared to 22/23**
- **What is the most recent assessment of the actual rate of growth, compared to 22/23**
- **For 22/23 and in the YTD at month 10**, please provide how much was spent on each group of drugs e.g. respiratory, CVD, mental health (i.e. categorised by BNF categories or similar)**

***If month 10 not available, please provide the most recent month.**

****As above but please provide information for the same month as above**

Please see the attached file

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

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Yours faithfully

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**On behalf of
NHS Lincolnshire ICB**