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Integrated Care Board

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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – DECISION NOTICE

Dear Requester

FOI Reference Number: 72297

I refer to your email of 16 January 2024 requesting information in relation to Mental Health Assessments.

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 not hold the information that you have requested. Please see further details below:

The information we are requesting is:

- **The number of doctors currently registered/approved to receive payment for undertaking MHA assessments?**
- **Do you hold a contract with any of these doctors/companies for undertaking a set number of MHA assessments (as opposed to spot payments for each assessment undertaken)?**
- **Do you capture the total number of assessments as opposed to number of claims (as one assessment may give rise to claims from two doctors)? If so, what was the total number of assessments in 2022 and what was the total number of assessments in 2023?**
- **How many claims for payment for MHA assessments were received from doctors relating to assessments undertaken in 2022? If different, how many claims for MHA assessments were paid to doctors for assessments undertaken in 2022?**
- **How many claims for payment for MHA assessments were received from doctors relating to assessments undertaken in 2023? If different, how many claims for MHA assessments were paid to doctors for assessments undertaken in 2022?**
- **Do you make use of the s12 app? If so, approximately what % of doctors' claims are made through this app?**

- In 2023 what was the number of claims made in relation to patients who are registered with a GP in your geography but were assessed within the boundaries of another ICB (out of area patients)?
- In 2023 what was the number of claims made in relation to patients registered with a GP within the boundaries of another ICB but currently located within your geography (assessments undertaken under reciprocal arrangements)?
- Where doctors undertake MHA assessments what is the standard fee (in 2023) you pay them?
- Do you make payment to the doctor where an assessment cannot be completed (but the doctor attends the arranged location)? (if so, is this at the same rate?)
- Do you make payment for mileage incurred to undertake assessments? If so, what is the rate (in 2023)?
- Is the same mileage rate paid to doctors under contract (if you have any) as for ad hoc assessments?

This information is not held by the ICB. You will need to contact [Lincolnshire Partnership NHS Foundation Trust](#) (LPFT) directly for the information you require:

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

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 FOI TEAM/Corporate Communications Team
 1st Floor, St John's House
 East Street
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Yours faithfully

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Senior Freedom of Information Officer

On behalf of
NHS Lincolnshire ICB