

**Freedom of Information Request – Reference: FOI-1289**

**Subject: Tuberculosis Service Provision**

Request :		
<p>I am seeking information about the provision of Tuberculosis (TB) services within your ICB region. I would be grateful if you could provide responses to the following questions to help me better understand the TB pathway, including service provision, teams involved, and commissioning arrangements:</p>		<b>BLMK ICB Response</b>
1.	<p><b>General Pathway Overview</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Could you provide a detailed description of the Tuberculosis (TB) pathway in your ICB region, covering the elements of immunisation, screening, detection, diagnosis, and treatment?</li> <li>• Are there any variations in the pathway for different patient groups (e.g., children, at-risk populations, individuals with latent TB)?</li> </ul>	<p>This information is not held by BLMK ICB.</p> <p>The Requestor should contact NHS England  <a href="#">NHS England » Freedom of Information Act and Environmental Information Regulations</a></p>
2.	<p><b>Immunisation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What are the arrangements for TB immunisation in your region (e.g., BCG vaccination)?               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Which teams or organisations are responsible for delivering this service?</li> <li>○ How is the immunisation programme commissioned and funded?</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Are there specific strategies to target high-risk groups for immunisation, and if so, what are they?</li> </ul>	
3.	<p><b>Diagnosis</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What are the steps involved in diagnosing TB once a case is suspected?</li> </ul>	

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4.	<p><b>Treatment</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● What is the process for initiating and delivering TB treatment in your region? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ How are patients supported during treatment, particularly for directly observed therapy (DOT) or complex cases?</li> <li>○ Which teams or organisations are responsible for treatment delivery, and how is this service commissioned?</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Are there specific services or pathways for managing multi-drug-resistant TB (MDR-TB) cases, and how are these commissioned?</li> </ul>	
5.	<p><b>Costs and Commissioning</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Could you provide a breakdown of costs associated with each element of the TB pathway (immunisation, screening, detection, diagnosis, and treatment)?</li> <li>● Which organisation(s) are responsible for commissioning and funding the TB services at each stage of the pathway?</li> </ul>	
6.	<p><b>Workforce and Responsibilities</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Can you provide details of the workforce involved in delivering each element of the TB pathway (e.g., immunisation, screening, detection, diagnosis, and treatment)? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ What are the roles and responsibilities of these teams?</li> <li>○ Are there any known workforce challenges or gaps in delivering these services?</li> </ul> </li> <li>● How do your TB services coordinate with other organisations, such as local authorities, Public Health England (or UKHSA), or third-sector organisations?</li> </ul>	

7.	<p><b>Performance and Integration</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Could you provide any available performance metrics for your TB services (e.g., screening uptake, immunisation coverage, time to diagnosis, treatment success rates)?</li><li>• How are TB services integrated with other health services, such as primary care, public health, and community health services, to ensure continuity of care?</li></ul>	
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**The above information is correct at: 20 December 2024**