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Dear [REDACTED]

RE: SCCL-FOI-2025/26-139

Thank you for your FOI request received by the FOI office for the following information:

1. For the current financial year and the previous financial year, please provide the number of Additional Roles Reimbursement Scheme (ARRS) posts approved by the ICB, broken down by role type (for example: Mental Health Practitioner, Social Prescribing Link Worker, Care Coordinator, Health and Wellbeing Coach).
2. For the same period, please provide the number of ARRS posts filled, broken down by role type.
3. Where available, please provide the number of Primary Care Networks (PCNs) within the ICB that:
 - a. Are utilising Mental Health Practitioner ARRS roles
 - b. Are utilising Social Prescribing Link Worker ARRS roles
4. Where held, please provide the average or estimated utilisation of ARRS-funded Mental Health Practitioners (for example, average caseload or appointments per week).
5. Please confirm whether PCNs within the ICB are expected to use ARRS roles to support:
 - c. Patients with health conditions affecting work
 - d. Fit Note-related activity
 - e. Patients at risk of falling out of employment
6. For the current and previous financial year, where held, please provide:
 - f. The total number of Fit Notes issued by GP practices within the ICB
 - g. Any available breakdown by duration (for example, short-term vs long-term Fit Notes)
7. Please confirm whether the ICB has undertaken any analysis or holds any reports relating to the following and, where held, provide copies of such:
 - h. The impact of ill health on employment
 - i. The use of primary care data to support work and health interventions
8. Please confirm whether PCNs or GP practices within the ICB are currently involved in any case-finding initiatives related to employment, work retention, or Fit Note reform.

Your request has been handled as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and can confirm SCCL does not hold this information, you may wish to redirect your request directly to the ICB's.

We hope that this response addresses your request. However, if you are dissatisfied with this response, you may request an independent internal review of our handling of your request by submitting a complaint within two months to the postal or e-mail addresses above, quoting the reference number above. If you ask for an internal review, it would be helpful if you could say why you are dissatisfied with the response.

As part of any internal review the handling of your information request will be reassessed by a member of SCCL staff who was not involved in providing you with this response. If you remain dissatisfied after this internal review, you will have a right of complaint to the Information Commissioner as established by section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act.

If you require any further information do not hesitate to contact the FOI team.

Yours sincerely

FOI Team

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