



Nottingham and Nottinghamshire
Clinical Commissioning Group

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Our reference: 3101

Dear Requestor

RE: Freedom of Information Request

With reference to your request for information I can confirm in accordance with Section 1 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 that we do hold the information that you have requested. A response to each part of your request is below.

In the request you asked:

Please confirm that your Nhs Local C.c.g. either does or does not operate an Individual Funding Request process for drugs used in the treatment or prevention of Covid-19 in primary care.

Please confirm that your Nhs Local C.c.g. either does or does not operate an Individual Funding Request process for drugs used in the treatment or prevention of Covid-19 in secondary care.

Yes, Nottingham and Nottinghamshire CCG does operate an Individual Funding Request process for considering ALL funding for individuals who seek NHS commissioned Services outside of established commissioning policies). The IFR policy is used to consider:-

- requests for any form of medical treatment or care which is not included within existing service agreements;
- requests for any form of medical treatment or care which, for this particular patient, are outside the parameters set by existing service agreements;
- requests for any form of medical treatment or care where the treatment or care proposed could not be considered to be 'mainstream'.

Any request for treatment would have to meet the definition of 'exceptional clinical circumstances' i.e. demonstrate that the individual is both:

- Significantly different clinically to the group of patients with the condition in question and at the same stage of progression of the condition

AND

- Likely to gain significantly more clinical benefit than others in the group of patients with the condition in question and at the same stage of progression of the condition

A clinician can submit an IFR application, which will be assessed in line with the CCGs IFR Policy

<https://midnottspathways.nhs.uk/guidance-pathways/prior-approval-ifr-requests/individual-funding-requests/>

If you are unhappy with the way in which your request has been handled, NHS Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Clinical Commissioning Group have an internal review procedure through which you can raise any concerns you might have. Further details of this procedure can be obtained by contacting Lucy Branson, Associate Director of Governance via lucy.branson@nhs.net or by writing to NHS Nottingham and Nottinghamshire CCG, 1 Standard Court, Park Row, Nottingham, NG1 6GN.

If you remain dissatisfied with the outcome of the internal review, you can apply to the Information Commissioner's Office, who will consider whether the organisation has complied with its obligations under the Act, and can require the organisation to remedy any problems. Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the complaints procedure provided by NHS Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Clinical Commissioning Group formerly known as NHS Mansfield and Ashfield Clinical Commissioning Group, NHS Newark and Sherwood Clinical Commissioning Group, NHS Rushcliffe Clinical Commissioning Group, NHS Nottingham West Clinical Commissioning Group, NHS Nottingham City Clinical Commissioning Group and Nottingham North and East Clinical Commissioning Group. You can find out more about how to do this, and about the Act in general, on the Information Commissioner's Office website at: <https://ico.org.uk/for-the-public/>

Complaints to the Information Commissioner's Office should be sent to: FOI/EIR Complaints Resolution, Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF
Telephone 0303 123 1113 or report a concern: <https://ico.org.uk/concerns/>

Yours sincerely

Freedom of Information Officer on behalf of *NHS Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Clinical Commissioning Group formerly known as NHS Rushcliffe Clinical Commissioning Group, NHS Nottingham West Clinical Commissioning Group, NHS Nottingham City Clinical Commissioning Group, NHS Nottingham North and East Clinical Commissioning Group, NHS Mansfield and Ashfield Clinical Commissioning Group and NHS Newark and Sherwood Clinical Commissioning Group.*

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