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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 partially hold the information that you have requested. A response to each part of your request is below.

Please note, as of 1 April 2020 the following Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs), NHS Mansfield & Ashfield CCG, NHS Newark & Sherwood CCG, NHS Nottingham City CCG, NHS Nottingham North & East CCG, NHS Nottingham West CCG and NHS Rushcliffe CCG, merged to become NHS Nottingham and Nottinghamshire CCG. More information around the new NHS Nottingham and Nottinghamshire CCG can be found on our website - <https://nottsccg.nhs.uk/about-us/our-ccg/>

In the request you asked:

1) What platform are you currently using for video consultations?

The platform used currently by GP Practices across Nottingham and Nottinghamshire for video consultations is AccuRx.

2) When was the platform in (1) procured?

The platform was nationally procured by NHS Digital in March 2020.

3) Under what framework was the platform in (1) procured?

The CCG does not hold this information as the platform was nationally procured.

4) What is the contract length for the platform in (1), including any extensions?

The contract length is 12 months.

5) Was the platform in (1) procured centrally (ie by NHSD) or locally (ie by your organisation)?

The platform was procured centrally by NHS Digital (NHSD).

6) What was the pricing methodology of the platform in (1) - per patient, per appointment, per seat, other? If "other", please specify.

The CCG does not hold this information as the platform was nationally procured.

7) How many organisations within the CCG (practices, PCNs, any others) are currently using the platform?

115 of the 130 GP Practices across Nottingham and Nottinghamshire are using AccuRx.

8) Prior to COVID-19, what platform was being used by the organisation for video consultations?

There was no platform being used for video consultations prior to COVID-19.

9) Once the central contract for AccuRx ends, does your organisation plan to go out to the market via a framework? If yes, which framework will be used? If no, will AccuRx's contract be extended?

There are no plans to re-procure the video consultations platform.

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/>

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Telephone 0303 123 1113 or report a concern: <https://ico.org.uk/concerns/>

Yours sincerely

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