



**Nottingham and Nottinghamshire**  
Clinical Commissioning Group

Date: 25 February 2021  
Our reference: N/21/3201

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.

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://nottscg.nhs.uk/about-us/our-ccg/>

In the request you asked:

1. What other financial contributions has the CCG secured to improve GP facilities in the locality of our client's site (please provide planning application reference numbers)?

	<b>Health Contribution Amount</b>	<b>Planning application</b>	<b>Site address</b>	<b>Funded project</b>
<b>2012/13</b>	£75000	V/2012/0275	Greenwood Falls Farm	Paid directly to health authority - Relocation of Huthwaite Health Centre to Sutton Road, Huthwaite
<b>2019/20</b>	£174524	V/2016/0569	Land to West Side of Beck Lane, Sutton	Healthcare Contribution - the sum calculated by the formula for calculating Section 106 contributions which is published by the District Council as planning authority: £542 per Dwelling
<b>2019/20</b>	£26010	V/2018/0213	The Quarry, 57 Stoneyford Road, Sutton in Ashfield	Healthcare Contribution - Toward the Enhancement Capacity of infrastructure of local practices.
<b>2016/17</b>	£172000	V/2016/0208	Brand Lane	Improvement of facilities at Healdswood GP Surgery and Woodside GP Surgery In Skegby

2. Are these monies committed to specific projects? If so, please provide details – Please see above.
3. Have any GP facilities in the locality of our client's site been improved since your consultation response of 28/1/2019? If so, please provide details.

No, GP facilities in the locality of your client's site have not been improved since the consultation response of 28/01/2019.

4. Your 28/1/2019 consultation response states that Skegby Medical Centre is looking at options to improve capacity at the surgery. What are these options, and what is the project timescale?

Skegby and the surrounding area is an area of significant planned growth. General Practice will monitor list size growth aligned to the premises delivering services periodically to better understand capacity constraints from the premises delivering services. Skegby Family Medical Centre (SFMC) has been exploring possibilities but there is not a preferred option to explore in any detailed way at this point.

In response to question 4, we do hold this information. However, NHS Nottingham and Nottinghamshire CCG has considered this request and has decided to withhold this requested information pursuant to the exemption in Section 43(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

Section 43(2) relates to information that is exempt from disclosure that "would or would be likely to prejudice the commercial interests of any person (including the public authority holding it)".

The information requested relates to details of potential options to improve capacity at Skegby Family Medical Centre. Releasing information around these options is considered to be harmful at this stage.

On this basis, NHS Nottingham and Nottinghamshire CCG consider that, at this time, the commercial interests of the CCG, third parties and overall the NHS would or would likely be prejudiced.

#### Public Interest Test

*Section 43(2) is a qualified exemption and, therefore, the CCG is required to apply the public interest test.*

*NHS Nottingham and Nottinghamshire CCG recognise that the disclosure of the information sought in relation to the options being considered to improve capacity at the practice, would promote accountability and transparency in the use of public funds by the CCG and by the NHS in general and also with decision making by the CCG and their transactions with third parties.*

*Conversely to the factors demonstrated above in favour of disclosure, NHS Nottingham and Nottinghamshire CCG and third party suppliers could be disadvantaged should the information sought in relation to the options being considered to improve capacity at the practice be made available. Providing the potential options being considered would give any competing provider a potential unfair advantage over other competing providers. Suppliers compete with one another in a competitive environment and to provide data to this level of detail would lead to loss of confidence by suppliers and customers and could cause significant harm to the CCG and suppliers*

*The disclosure could also adversely impact on any on-going or future procurement processes for the reasons outlined above. Any disclosure by the CCG could, in future, discourage the provision of commercially sensitive information necessary to respond properly to the CCG's Invitation To Tender, and would be likely to affect and undermine the CCG's bargaining position in any future procurement process or negotiations. Ultimately, civil action could be taken against the CCG*



*should information be disclosed that adversely affects the commercial interests of current and/or future suppliers.*

*As a result, it is our opinion that this sufficiently demonstrates the prejudice which could be caused through disclosure.*

#### Balance Test

*It is important to bear in mind that any disclosure under the FOI Act is a disclosure to the public at large and not just to the applicant. It is recognised that there is a general public interest in the CCG being open and transparent. However, it is not believed that this public interest is served in disclosure for damage that would be caused as outlined above.*

*Therefore, the CCG consider that releasing this information would not be in the public interest, as the public interest does not outweigh the prejudice as set out above.*

5. Are there are other suitable GP facilities nearby, and if so please provide details of their capacity.

Ashfield North Primary Care Network (PCN) is a collaboration of five practices and currently all practices have open lists which suggests that there are no immediate capacity pressures. However, all practices have increasing list sizes which will be further impacted on by the significant number of housing developments in the surrounding areas. As well as Skegby Family Medical Centre (0.2 miles) the other PCN practices are:

- Kings Medical Centre – 1.3 miles
- Willowbrook Medical Practice – 1.3 miles
- Brierley Park Medical Centre – 1.5 miles
- Woodlands Medical Practice – 1.5 miles

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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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