

Date: 10 March 2021
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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 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://nottscgg.nhs.uk/about-us/our-cgg/>

In the request you asked:

1. Do you procure your wheelchair service as an integrated service (with approved repairer and assessments included in one contract), or do you procure them as individual contracts?

The wheelchair service is an integrated service across Nottingham and Nottinghamshire. The service assesses, prescribes and provides wheeled mobility equipment.

2. Which provider(s) do you use for your current wheelchair services? If approved repairer and assessments are procured outside of this, which provider(s) are used for these services?

In Mid Nottinghamshire, Ross Care Wheelchairs is the provider for the Mid Notts Community Wheelchairs service. Ross Care have a subcontracting arrangement with Blatchford's to deliver the clinical elements of the service i.e assessments.

In South Nottinghamshire and Nottingham City, Nottingham University Hospitals NHS Trust (NUH) provide the wheelchair service.

3. Is the wheelchair service / approved repair contract(s) in partnership with any other CCG(s)? If so, please provide a list of the CCGs that share this contract.

No the wheelchair service / approved repair contract(s) is not in partnership with any other CCG(s).

4. If your provider is a non-NHS organisation, what year did you first use a non-NHS provider?

Mid Nottinghamshire – September 2018

South Nottinghamshire and Nottingham City – Not applicable.

5. When did your current wheelchair service / approved repair contract(s) start, and what is the contract end date? Please include any information on contract extensions.

Mid Nottinghamshire – The current wheelchair service / approved repair contract(s) start date was 1st September 2018 and the contract end date is 31st August 2021.

South Nottinghamshire and Nottingham City – This is part of our rolling annual contract with Nottingham University Hospitals NHS Trust (NUH) and these services have been part of the current contract for at least 6 financial years.

6. Which provider(s) was used for the previous wheelchair service / approved repair contract(s)?

In Mid Nottinghamshire the previous provider for wheelchair services / approved repair contract(s) was Sherwood Forest Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust.

In South Nottinghamshire and Nottingham City this is not applicable.

7. What is the annual value of the wheelchair service / approved repair contract(s) for the last three years (year end 31 March)? If not available, please provide data for any available years. Please specify if these values relate only to your CCG or for a multiple CCG.

- a. 2017/18
- b. 2018/19
- c. 2019/20

	Mid Nottinghamshire	South Nottinghamshire & Nottingham City
2017/18	£807,000	£1,799,625
2018/19	£777,702	£1,800,125
2019/20	£754,472	£1,466,669

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

Yours sincerely

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