

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

In the request you asked:

1. How many reports did you receive from whistleblowers in 2019 and in 2020?
[Zero reports from whistleblowers were received by the CCG in 2019 and 2020.](#)
2. How many people do you have in your organisation that are trained/permitted to take reports from whistleblowers?
[Please refer to the roles and responsibilities section of the CCGs Raising Concerns \(Whistleblowing\) Policy attached \(page 7\).](#)
3. What training have the people in question number 2 received in whistleblowing?
[Training is provided by NHS England.](#)
4. What cost, if any, was there for this training?
[There was no cost for this training.](#)
5. Which organisation delivered each course?
[NHS England delivered the course.](#)
6. What is the name of the person that arranged this training and what is their email address?
[Lucy Branson, Associate Director of Governance - \[lucy.branson@nhs.net\]\(mailto:lucy.branson@nhs.net\)](#)
7. What methods do you have for whistleblowers to contact a person that is authorised to take their report and what are the specific details of these, i.e., email addresses, telephone numbers etc?
[Please refer to Appendix A – Procedure for Reporting Concerns within the CCGs Raising Concerns \(Whistleblowing\) Policy attached \(page 10\).](#)
8. What are the email addresses for the people authorised to receive whistleblower reports?
[Please refer to Appendix A – Procedure for Reporting Concerns within the CCGs Raising Concerns \(Whistleblowing\) Policy attached \(page 10\).](#)
9. How many whistleblowers have left the organisation within 12 months of making a report?
[Zero whistleblowers have left the organisation within 12 months of making a report.](#)
10. How many whistleblowers have made an allegation of 'detriment' against your organisation?
[Zero whistleblowers have made an allegation of 'detriment' against the CCG.](#)

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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