



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. In the request you asked:

Could you kindly give me a list of GP practices that have merged within your CCG? I am interested in:

- 1. GP mergers (list of merged practices) within your CCG covering the financial years 2013/2014 to 2017/2018.*
- 2. Funding covering the same financial period 2013/2014 to 2017/2018. By funding I mean funding of the merged GP practices. I would like to know what the contract value was after the merger.*

Responsibility for the commissioning of primary medical services was not formally delegated to Clinical Commissioning Groups until 1st April 2015/16. The formal delegation agreement from NHS England can be found at <https://www.england.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/08/delegation-agreement.pdf>

As such, we do not hold information relevant to your prior to the 1st April 2015/16. You may wish to contact NHS England to request this information. Information on how to submit a Freedom of Information request to NHS England can be found on their website via the following link - <https://www.england.nhs.uk/contact-us/foi/>

Q1. For the information which we do hold, please see attached spreadsheet which outlines merged practices.

For the purpose of interpreting the information on the spreadsheet, it should be noted that NHS Nottingham and Nottinghamshire CCG was established on the 1st April 2020/21 following the merger of six predecessor 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).

Q2. It is likely that the CCG does hold the information in relation to question 2, for the period after the 1st April 2015/16. However, given the information was held across six predecessor CCG organisations, it is not possible to provide the information without undertaking an exercise to locate, retrieve and extract records across a number of sources. This would equate to a significant amount of time to ensure the accurate extraction of information and exceed the appropriate cost limit of £450.

The Freedom of Information Act state that the appropriate limit to be applied to requests received by the CCG is £450 (equivalent to 18 hours of work at £25 per hour) in estimating the cost of complying with the request for information, the CCG can only take into account any reasonable costs incurred in:

- 1. Determining whether it holds the information,*
- 2. Locating the information, or document which may contains the information,*
- 3. Retrieving the information, or document which may contain the information, and*
- 4. Extracting the information from a document containing it.*

Given the breadth of the definitions you have provided, the relevant information is potentially contained with all CCG staff mail boxes, CCG servers and/or cloud storage, all of which would require information to be manually located and retrieved. Each record would then need to be

individually reviewed to extract the information relevant to your enquiry. We estimate that obtaining and reviewing the records and collating a response would exceed the limit of 18 hours set out in the Act.

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. 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

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