



Nottingham and Nottinghamshire
Clinical Commissioning Group

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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.

In the request you asked:

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I am writing to ask if Radcliffe on Trent Health Centre is or was part of any local or national incentive scheme for GP practices whereby the practice was paid to not refer patients to hospital. The reason that I am writing is the result of reading a number of newspaper articles some of which I have listed below below:

<https://www.theguardian.com/society/2018/feb/28/gps-offered-cash-to-refer-fewer-people-to-hospital>

<https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2015/oct/02/nhs-scandal-danger-refer-hospital-hearing-aids-cost-cutting>

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/health/nhs-gp-savings-sick-patients-operations-avoid-hospital-treatment-reward-cash-a8231591.html>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/health-34421115>

NHS Nottingham and Nottinghamshire CCG did not provide a local incentive scheme for practices to not refer patients to hospital. Radcliffe on Trent Health Centre was not part of a local or national incentive scheme.

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, Sir John Robinson House, Sir John Robinson Way, Arnold, Nottingham, NG5 6DA.

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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*.

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