

Date: 31 August 2021
Our reference: N/21/3343

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:

1. From 1st January 2020 to 31st December 2020, how many people were under Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards (DoLS) in the community i.e. within your area of responsibility?

The Community Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards (DoLS) process was put on hold from March 2020 – September 2020 as part of the CCG emergency response to COVID-19.

From 1st January 2020 to 31st December 2020, excluding March 2020 – September 2020, there were 11 patients under Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards (DoLS) in the community.

2. Since January 1st 2021 to the date of this request, 13th August 2021, how many people are currently under Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards (DoLS) in the community i.e. within your area of responsibility?

NHS Nottingham and Nottinghamshire CCG can confirm that we do hold the information relating question 2 however as the total number is equal to 5 or less patients we are unable to disclose this information. Disclosure could potentially identify the individuals involved, especially if combined with other data, and this would constitute a breach of the Data Protection Act 2018. Therefore, this information is exempt from disclosure under section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 on the grounds that it is personal information.

3. Have the CCG planned how this will be managed moving to Liberty Protection Safeguards (LPS)?

The CCG are working with our Local Authority and NHS Trust colleagues to develop a system approach to delivering the Liberty Protection Safeguards (LPS). A System project plan is currently under development being led by the Nottingham & Nottinghamshire Integrated Care System (ICS) Liberty Protection Safeguards Stakeholder Group. This is a newly formed group which reports into the ICS Quality Forum as well as back through the individual members own organisations.

4. If so, please provide the name, title and contact details of the person who will manage this for the CCG.

Rosa Waddingham, Chief Nurse - Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Integrated Care System and NHS Nottingham and Nottinghamshire CCG. Rosa Waddingham is the executive lead for Liberty Protection Safeguards.

Rhonda Christian, Assistant Director for Nursing & Safeguarding is the Chair of the ICS Liberty Protection Safeguards Stakeholder Group and operational lead for the CCG.

Contact Details are nccg.nottscpsafeguarding@nhs.net

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Yours sincerely

Freedom of Information Officer on behalf of *NHS Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Clinical Commissioning Group*.

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