

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. A response to each part of your request is below.

In the request you asked:

I require the following information under the FOI Act. This I needed so I can judge whether the work being placed on citizen holders of Personal Health Budgets is fair and just. I have seen an email to a Personal Health Budget holder that states there has been a spike in fraud referrals in 2020/2021 so the data must be available for them to have stated this.

- For each year the information is available,
 - State year - state whether calendar or financial and if financial, what month it starts
 - Start number of Personal Health Budgets active by the end of the year

The information provided is in financial years – 1st April – 31st March.

Please see below for the number of Personal Health Budgets active at the end of each financial year.

2015/16	327
2016/17	352
2017/18	264
2018/19	747
2019/20	817
2020/21	727

- Start value of Personal Health Budgets active by the end of the year

Please see below for the cost of Personal Health Budgets active at the end of each financial year. Please note that the table below includes the values of Continuing Healthcare Personal Health Budgets only. NHS Nottingham and Nottinghamshire CCG do not hold the detailed breakdown of costs for wheelchair and carers breaks as part of other Personal Health Budgets.

2015/16	£6,805,501.51
2016/17	£8,231,247.59
2017/18	£8,744,274.66
2018/19	£9,869,774.15
2019/20	£13,303,803.77
2020/21	£13,359,974.83

- Start number of Personal Health Budgets identified as having any fraudulent activity by the end of the year
There were no Personal Health Budgets identified as having any fraudulent activity by the end of each financial year.
- Start value of Personal Health Budgets identified as any fraudulent activity by the end of the year
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- Start number of Personal Health Budgets identified as having fraud referrals by the end of the year
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- Give the method of delivery of the Personal Health Budget

- Notional Budget

Please see below for the number of Notional Budgets at the end of each financial year.

2015/16	275
2016/17	271
2017/18	179
2018/19	616
2019/20	478
2020/21	405

- Third Party Budget

Please see below for the number of Third Party Personal Health Budgets at the end of each financial year.

2015/16	6
2016/17	7
2017/18	6
2018/19	7
2019/20	≤5
2020/21	12

Where ≤5 has been used the information cannot be disclosed as it 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.

- Direct Payment

Please see below for the number of Direct Payments at the end of each financial year.

2015/16	53
2016/17	82
2017/18	92
2018/19	124
2019/20	343
2020/21	310

- Give the type of Personal Health Budgets (healthcare, wheelchair, end of life, mental health etc)

Personal Health Budgets are for Continuing Healthcare (Adults and Children's, including S117 aftercare, joint-funding and LD/Mental Health), wheelchairs and carers breaks.

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.

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

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

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