Nottingham and Nottinghamshire

Clinical Commissioning Group

Date: 05 October 2021 Our reference: N/21/3372

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 not hold the information that you have requested.

In the request you asked:

Please can you tell me if the CCG offered higher fees to care homes if they accepted Covid patients from hospital at any point since March 2020?

If so, please tell me -

- how much was paid per patient
- how much had previously been paid
- what date this offer was made to care homes
- the names of the care homes that received the increased payment
- how many Covid patients each home accepted since March 2020

If you sent out a letter or email to care homes communicating this increased fee, please include it in your response.

If care homes signed a contract with the CCG to accept Covid patients from hospital please also include this in your response.

NHS Nottingham and Nottinghamshire CCG do not hold this information. Since March 2020 the CCG have not offered higher fees to care homes if they accepted COVID-19 patients from hospital. However, we recognise that designated settings were in existence within our system and these were managed by the Local Authority. You may wish to redirect your request to Nottinghamshire County Council and Nottingham City Council. Information on how to submit a Freedom of Information request to each council can be found on their individual websites via the links below.

Nottinghamshire County Council - https://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/council-and-democracy/freedom-of-information/submit

Nottingham City Council - https://www.nottinghamcity.gov.uk/your-council/about-the-council/access-to-information/access-to-information/access-to-information/

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 <u>lucy.branson@nhs.net</u> 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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Yours sincerely

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

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