

Date: 16 December 2021  
Our reference: N/21/3407

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:

The definition of automation includes robotics and artificial intelligence. Inventory may be defined as the stock of items stored by an organisation for the meeting of customer's needs (medical and non-medical).

1. Is artificial intelligence or robotics used anywhere within the CCG's supply chain, if so where?

NHS Nottingham and Nottinghamshire CCG does not use artificial intelligence or robotics within the CCG's supply chain.

2. If you answered 'Yes' to question 1, what inventory management / automation system is deployed? please provide the name of the developer or software.

Not applicable.

3. Where is inventory stored?

Not applicable.

4. How is unwanted inventory disposed off?

Not applicable.

5. Were any lessons learnt on improving inventory management as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic or Brexit?

The above request does not fall under Freedom of Information legislation and therefore we are unable to answer this question.

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Recorded information includes:

- Printed documents
- Computer files

- Letters
- Emails
- Photographs
- Sound or video recordings

6. Please provide links to where data on the CCG's inventory usage can be found?

Not applicable. NHS Nottingham and Nottinghamshire CCG is a commissioner of healthcare services, we do not have an inventory as the CCG is not a direct provider of healthcare.

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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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