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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 partially hold the information that you have requested. A response to each part of your request is below.

Please note that both NHS Nottingham and Nottinghamshire, and Bassetlaw Clinical Commissioning Groups ceased operation on 30 June 2022. They have been superseded by NHS Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Integrated Care Board (ICB) which began operation on 1 July 2022.

In the request you asked:

1. Who is the current provider of wheelchair services (WCS)?
 - In Nottingham City and South Nottinghamshire Nottingham University Hospitals NHS Trust (NUH) is the provider of WCS.
 - In Mid-Nottinghamshire Ross Care Ltd (Millbrook Healthcare Limited) is the provider of WCS.
 - In Bassetlaw Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust is the provider of WCS, the service is commissioned by the South Yorkshire ICB. They would need to be contacted directly in relation to the questions. They can be contacted via sth.foi@nhs.net.
2. What is the total value of the WCS contract?
 - In Nottingham City and South Nottinghamshire this information is not held as the service is provided under a block arrangement as an integral part of the NUH acute contract.
 - In Mid-Nottinghamshire the annual contract value with Ross Care is £940,372.
3. What is the duration of the WCS contract?
 - In Nottingham City and South Nottinghamshire, the WCS is included in the annual planning cycle associated to the main NHS Standard Contract.
 - In Mid-Nottinghamshire the contract with Ross Care has a term of five years.
4. What is the end date of the WCS contract? When would the new tender be released?
 - For Nottingham City and South Nottinghamshire, please see answer to question 3.
 - In Mid-Nottinghamshire the end date of the contract is the 31 August 2023.
5. Who is the current provider of approved repair services (AR)? (if different from WCS)
 - See question one.
6. What is the total value of the AR contract?
 - See question two.
7. What is the duration of the AR contract?

See question three.

8. What is the end date of the AR contract? When would the new tender be released?

See question four.

9. Were these contracts (WCS and AR) direct awards or tenders? Was there an option for direct award and what framework was accessed?

For Nottingham City and South Nottinghamshire see answer to question 3.

For Mid-Nottinghamshire this was a direct award via the SBS Framework Agreement SBS10015.

10. Is specialist seating provision included in the WCS provision? If not, who is the provider, and what are the contract value, duration, end date and new tender release date?

For Nottingham City and South Nottinghamshire: yes, the contract includes specialist seating provision.

For Mid-Nottinghamshire: yes, the contract includes specialist seating provision.

11. Is Children's and adult's wheelchair provision/ maintenance within the same contract? If not could you please provide the requested metrics for each?

For Nottingham City and South Nottinghamshire: yes, the contract includes children's and adult's wheelchair provision/ maintenance.

For Mid-Nottinghamshire: yes, the contract includes children's and adult's wheelchair provision/ maintenance.

12. What is the number of patients served? (Current number and contractual target)

Both contracts use a currency based on episodes of care rather than patient populations. To receive this information please contact the providers direct.

13. What share of the current WCS-AR expenditure currently spent by NHS facilities (i.e. insourced) will be tendered to outsourced providers in the next contractual cycle?

There are currently no plans to change the contractual arrangements in place.

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Yours sincerely

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