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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 They have been superseded by NHS Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Integrated Care Board (ICB) which began operation on 1 July 2022.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:

Please find below our FOI request regarding the NICE guideline NG213 relating to Disabled Children and young people with severe complex needs.

1. Has your organisation completed a baseline assessment to evaluate whether practice is in line with the recommendations in *Disabled children and young people up to 25 with severe complex needs: integrated service delivery and organisation across education, health and social care* (NICE guideline NG213)? (Please answer yes or no)  
No
2. If no, do you have plans to do one and if so by what date?  
A baseline assessment is planned however there is no deadline by which it would be completed.
3. If the above assessment has been completed, could you please provide us with a copy of the assessment and action plan.  
N/A
4. Do you specify that provider organisations need to deliver services for disabled children and young people up to 25 with severe complex needs in a way which is consistent with NICE guideline NG23? (Please answer yes or no).  
We believe that you are referring to NICE guideline NG213 here. Provider organisations are expected to review NICE Guidelines and work to them where possible. NG213 was only published in March 2022, therefore it would not be included in service specifications signed prior to that date, however this would not stop providers delivering their services in line with this guideline.
5. Please could you tell us what action you are taking to ensure that provider organisations deliver services for disabled children and young people up to 25 with severe complex needs in a way which is consistent with NICE guideline NG23?  
With regards to NICE guideline NG213, there is a plan in place to benchmark and undertake a gap analysis.

6. How many children with complex needs or disabilities for whom you are responsible are currently accessing services that are located outside of your ICS area?

The ICB does not hold this level of detail, for example:

- Children with Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) have no single identifier that is reported to the ICB
- Numbers of Children and Young People receiving services outside of the ICB are not reported whether or not they have SEND

If you are unhappy with the way in which your request has been handled, NHS Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Integrated Care Board (ICB) 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](mailto:lucy.branson@nhs.net) or by writing to FOI Team at NHS Nottingham and Nottinghamshire ICB, Sir John Robinson House, Sir John Robinson Way, Arnold, Daybrook, Nottingham NG5 6DA.

If you remain dissatisfied with the outcome of the internal review, you can apply to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO), 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 ICB. 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/>

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FOI/EIR Complaints Resolution, Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. Telephone 0303 123 1113 or report a concern via <https://ico.org.uk/concerns/>

Yours sincerely

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