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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 They have been superseded by NHS Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Integrated Care Board (ICB) which began operation on 1 July 2022.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 list the pathology providers, including NHS organisations, which you used during financial year 2021/22 to provide GP direct access pathology services (list any provider with a spend in the year greater than £25,000)

The pathology providers are Nottingham University Hospitals NHS Trust, Sherwood Forest Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust and Doncaster and Bassetlaw Hospitals NHS Trust.

Please provide the amount spent with each provider on GP direct access pathology during the year 2021/22.

During the contract year 2021/22 contracts were under a fixed payment put in place by NHS England as part of the national response to the pandemic, therefore this information is not held.

Please state which of following methods for calculating payment best describes the contractual arrangement between the CCG and each provider

- Amount paid for direct access pathology not explicitly stated, ie included within larger overall contract
- Fixed payment amount for pathology agreed for the year
- Fixed payment amount agreed for the year, but adjusted if volumes are higher or lower than expected
- Payment calculated based on a cost per specialty, eg £X per blood science test, £Y per microbiology sample, £Z per histology case
- Payment calculated on a price per specific test, eg £X for Urea and Electrolytes, £Y for full blood count, £Z for MRSA test

Please see above.

It might be that the Trusts are able to provide this information. There contact details and links to their websites can be found below:

Nottingham University Hospitals NHS Trust: <https://www.nuh.nhs.uk/home/> / FOI@nuh.nhs.uk
Sherwood Forest Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust: www.sfh-tr.nhs.uk/hs.uk/ / sfh-tr.foi.requests@nhs.net
Doncaster and Bassetlaw Hospitals NHS Trust: <https://www.dbth.nhs.uk/contact/freedom-of-information/>

Have the authority undertaken a procurement advertised via OJEU for GP direct access pathology during the past five years? If so, please provide link.

Not applicable.

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 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/>

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 via <https://ico.org.uk/concerns/>

Yours sincerely

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