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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 do partially hold the information that you have requested. A response to 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 They have been superseded by NHS Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Integrated Care Board (ICB) which began operation on 1 July 2022.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:

I am writing with a Freedom of Information request regarding the contracted provision of endoscopy staff and facilities, from the independent sector, at your trust. We would like to get data on the contracts your trust has with independent providers that result in:

- Your Trust's staff using independent provider facilities (rooms, instruments and scopes, decontamination equipment) to perform endoscopies, or
- Complete outsource of full service, i.e., your Trust is paying for patients to get endoscopies by independent sector staff in independent sector facilities.

For those contracts, could you please provide:

- The name of the provider
- Start and End date of contract
- Type of contract (facilities only, facilities and staff (service model))
- Value of contract
- JAG accreditation (Y/N is enough) – refers to either facilities or staff and facilities depending on contract
- Indication on patient activity plan (or number of rooms and number of FTE staff) outsourced (if full service contract type)
- Number of beds (and/or) rooms contracted (if facilities contract)

Please note that the Integrated Care Board (ICB) is a commissioning organisation, not a provider trust.

The contracts register is publicly available on the ICB's website at the following link <https://notts.icb.nhs.uk/about-us/what-we-spend-and-how-we-spend-it/procurement/>. Please note the register contains the following information:

- Name of the provider
- Start and End date of contract

- Type of contract

It does not include:

- Value of contract
- JAG accreditation
- Indication on patient activity plan
- Number of beds

However, we do publish all ICB spend greater than 25k (including contracts). This is available on our website at the following link <https://notts.icb.nhs.uk/about-us/what-we-spend-and-how-we-spend-it/>

There are no separate contracts for endoscopy outside of the block contracts we hold.

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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