

24/08/2022

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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 not 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 They have been superseded by NHS Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Integrated Care Board (ICB) which began operation on 1 July 2022.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:

Under the Freedom of Information Act, could you please answer the following questions or share any information related to the questions:

How many paper referrals coming from GP practices have been processed for the period of 1 September 2021 - 31 August 2022 within your CCG or all CCGs that fall under your service?

(If you have to provide the answer for more than one CCG, please provide separate answers for each of the CCGs that fall under your service).

What were the reasons for printing out referral forms or letters and not completing the whole process electronically?

(If you have to provide the answer for more than one CCG, please provide separate answers for each of the CCGs that fall under your service).

NHS Nottingham and Nottinghamshire do not hold information on paper referrals from GP practices or routinely collate this information as it is not a contractual requirement. To obtain this information, the GP practices will need to be contacted individually.

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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