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NN-ICB/22/137

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 your request is below.

In the request you asked:

*Please send me the following information about the contracts the Integrated Care Board (or its subcommittees or previous Clinical Commissioning Groups in your integrated care system) holds with independent sector providers of acute and elective care. By acute and elective care, please include the range of acute services including diagnostics, outpatients, surgery and other procedures. By independent sector, I refer to commercial and third sector organisations, including social enterprises.*

*What is the name of the independent sector provider for each contract?*

*What is the value of each contract, in total and on an annual basis? If the value is not pre-determined because, for example, it is an Any Qualified Provider contract, please tell me the value or estimated value of the contract in the most recent complete financial year. If there is no data for a single year, please provide the total lifecycle contract value.*

*What are the start date and end date of each contract?*

This information can be found on the attached document [NN-ICB 22 137a Independent Providers of Acute Contracts](#)

*Which services are provided through each contract?*

In relation to your request for the detail regarding which services are provided through each contract.

**Section 12 (Cost Limit Exemption)**

The ICB does hold the information in relation to your request for the detail regarding which acute services are provided through each contract, however, it is not possible to provide the information without undertaking an exercise to locate, retrieve and extract records for each of the individual acute services that are provided as part of the wider contract. This would equate to a significant amount of time to ensure the accurate extraction of information and exceed the appropriate cost limit of £450.

The Freedom of Information Act state that the appropriate limit to be applied to requests received by the ICB is £450 (equivalent to 18 hours of work at £25 per hour) in estimating the cost of complying with the request for information, the ICB can only take into account any reasonable costs incurred in:

- Determining whether it holds the information,
- Locating the information, or document which may contains the information,
- Retrieving the information, or document which may contain the information, and
- Extracting the information from a document containing it.

We estimate that obtaining and reviewing the records and collating a response would exceed the limit of 18 hours set out in the Act.

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/>

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

Freedom of Information (FOI) Officer on behalf of *NHS Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Integrated Care Board*

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