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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 hold the information that you have requested. A response to your request is below.

In the request you asked:

Has your ICB completed any analysis of inequalities in elective waiting times based on a) ethnicity of patients b) socio-economic/ IMD status of patients c) any other characteristic?

Please find attached a presentation entitled ‘Elective Care Restoration – Exploring Waiting List Inequalities’ which provides analysis on ethnicity and socio-economic status of local waiting list data across Nottingham and Nottinghamshire.

It is important to note that this analysis is an overarching view given the ICB does not have access to patient level data; as such, the information has not been produced to provide a de facto description of the disparities.

If so:

- *Please could you provide details on what your ICB has analysed - including how many patients, which ethnic/ economic groups and over which timeframe. **Please see attached document.***
- *What were the results of this analysis, were any disparities in waiting times identified between the groups described above? If so, please give figures on the disparities identified. **Please see attached document.***
- *Has your ICB published this analysis? If so- please send a link. If not, please explain why. **No, the ICB has not published this analysis as it is an internal, operational document.***
- *Could you also summarise any action your ICB has taken in response to the analysis described above? **There is significant action being taken by the ICB, working with health partners within the ICS, to address the above. This includes, but is not limited to, strategies from referral optimisation through to treatment.***

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Yours sincerely

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