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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.

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In the request you asked:

1. Have you (or the previous CCGs areas) ever/in the last 6 years contracted with an independent provider to provide rheumatology services, including waiting list initiatives?

No

2. Do you have an independent provider on patch for rheumatology services?

No

3. If so, who are the providers and which areas of the ICB do they cover?

N/A

4. Which rheumatology services went through procurement and which were a direct award?

N/A

5. Actual spend on each contract/framework (and any sub lots), from the start of the contract to the current date and annually Start date & duration of framework/contract/award?

N/A

6. Could you please provide a copy of the service/product specification given to all bidders for when this contract was last advertised?

N/A

7. Is there an extension clause in the framework(s)/contract(s) and, if so, the duration of the extension?

N/A

8. Has a decision been made yet on whether the framework(s)/contract(s) are being either extended or renewed?

N/A

9. Who is the senior officer (outside of procurement) responsible for this contract?

N/A

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Yours sincerely

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

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