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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 partially hold the information that you have requested. A response to each part of your request is below.

In the request you asked:

1. *Has the Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Integrated Care Board used any specific criteria and/or formula to determine investment prioritisation within acute services for the NHS financial year 2023/24?*
 - a. *Can the Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Integrated Care Board disclose the criteria and/or formula used to determine investment prioritisation in acute services for the NHS financial year 2023/24.*

NHS Nottingham and Nottinghamshire ICB have a Strategic Decision-Making Framework and Ethical Decision-Making Framework to support investment decisions. These can be found on the ICB's website via the below links:

[Strategic Decision-Making Framework \(icb.nhs.uk\)](https://www.icb.nhs.uk/strategic-decision-making-framework)

[Ethical Decision-Making Framework \(icb.nhs.uk\)](https://www.icb.nhs.uk/ethical-decision-making-framework)

2. *Has the Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Integrated Care Board held any formal meetings since July 2022 to discuss the criteria and/or formula used to determine investment prioritisation in acute services?*
 - a. *Can the Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Integrated Care Board share a copy of the minutes for all meetings which discussed the prioritisation in acute services since July 2022.*

The decision-making frameworks for the ICB were endorsed by the Strategic Planning and Integration Committee. Reference to this, and all decisions made within its remit, is included within the routine Strategic Planning and Integration Highlight Reports presented to the ICB Board. These can be found here (scroll to the bottom of the webpage): [Our Board - NHS Nottingham and Nottinghamshire ICB](#)

Specific reference to the endorsement of the decision-making framework is referenced at page 323 of the PDF of the papers for the 10 November Board meeting. [ICB-board-papers-10.11.22.pdf](#)

3. *Can the Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Integrated Care Board disclose which person(s) within the ICS/ICB is/are responsible for ensuring the formula that guides investment prioritisation in acute services, as decided by the Advisory Committee on the Resource Allocation, is properly implemented.*

The ICB's Scheme of Reservation and Delegation (SORD) sets out those functions and decisions that are reserved to the Board and those that have been delegated to the Board's committees and sub-committees and to ICB employees. In accordance with the powers of the ICB, the Scheme of Reservation and Delegation also sets out any functions that have been delegated to other bodies or to joint committees established with other bodies in line with sections 65Z5 and 65Z6 of the 2006 Act. The Scheme of Reservation and Delegation also sets out how any functions delegated to the ICB (for example from NHS England or another ICB) will be exercised.

A link to the SORD is provided here: [NHS-Nottingham-and-Nottinghamshire-ICB-SoRD-v1.1.pdf](#)

4. *Can the Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Integrated Care Board clarify whether they plan to adhere to the Advisory Committee on the Resource Allocation's (ACRA) proposed needs-based allocations methodology to determine the distribution of financial resources for its acute services?*

This ICB does not hold this information as the ACRA provides information to support national decision making on targeted allocations which support national decisions on ICB allocations. The ICB has financial plans, within its' allocation resource limit which following national guidance for the NHS and determine any key changes year-on-year to its planned use.

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/>

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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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