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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:

**Hospital Beds**

1. What is the total number of hospital beds in your region?

The ICB does not hold this level of information, please contact NHS England.

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/contact-us/foi/>

2. How many beds (or what percentage of total beds) are occupied by patients who are 'medically fit awaiting discharge' at any given time (on average)?
3. What is the average number of days from when a patient is declared 'medically fit awaiting discharge' to the day they are discharged?
4. What is the total number of bed days per month that beds are occupied by patients who are 'medically fit awaiting discharge'? (1 bed occupied for 10 days = 10 bed days; 10 beds occupied for 1 day = 10 bed days)
5. What is the average cost of a hospital bed per day in your region?
6. What is the cost of a stroke inpatient bed per day vs a standard acute bed per day?
7. What are the reasons for patients remaining within hospital, occupying a bed, after they have been declared 'medically fit awaiting discharge'?
  - Adult Social Care delays?
  - Lack of adequate care facilities/beds?
  - Lack of carers?
  - Lack of hospital capacity to discharge?

In relation to question 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7, due to the changing nature of patient beds the most accurate and timely data can be requested by contacting our provider organisations. How to submit a request to the provider organisations can be found on their websites below;

- Nottingham University Hospitals NHS Trust - <https://www.nuh.nhs.uk/freedom-of-information/>
- Sherwood Forest Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust - <https://www.sfh-tr.nhs.uk/about-us/contact-us/freedom-of-information-act-access-information-from-a-public-body/>

- Nottingham CityCare - <https://www.nottinghamcitycare.nhs.uk/about-us/public-policies-and-statement/you-and-your-information>
- Nottinghamshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust - <https://www.nottinghamshirehealthcare.nhs.uk/c-freedom-of-information>
- Doncaster and Bassetlaw Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust - <https://www.dbth.nhs.uk/contact/freedom-of-information/>

## Patients

1. Of the total number of patients who have been declared 'medically fit awaiting discharge' but still occupying a bed for more than 3 days:
    - a) How many are stroke patients?
    - b) How many are patients with chronic conditions?
    - c) What conditions are most common in these patients?
  2. For each of the 2 listed patient sub-groups (stroke vs chronic conditions patients who have been declared 'medically fit awaiting discharge' but have occupied a bed for 3 days or more), please could you provide their:
    - a) Average age
    - b) Risk of UTI
    - c) Rate of falls?
    - d) Average level of care needs?
  3. What % of patients who have been declared 'medically fit awaiting discharge' but are occupying a bed for more than 3 days are eligible for Continuing Healthcare vs Adult Social Care?
    - a) What is this percentage in stroke patients who have been declared 'medically fit awaiting discharge' but are occupying a bed for more than 3 days?
    - b) What is this percentage in patients with chronic conditions who have been declared 'medically fit awaiting discharge' but are occupying a bed for more than 3 days?
- In relation to question 1, 2 and 3, due to the changing nature of patient beds the most accurate and timely data can be requested by contacting our provider organisations. How to submit a request to the provider organisations can be found on their websites below;
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  - Nottingham CityCare - <https://www.nottinghamcitycare.nhs.uk/about-us/public-policies-and-statement/you-and-your-information>
  - Nottinghamshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust - <https://www.nottinghamshirehealthcare.nhs.uk/c-freedom-of-information>
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## Services

1. Are there any intermediate care / step up/down / stroke rehab facilities in your region?

- a) If so, who commissions them?
- b) Are they privately or publicly funded?

The ICB does not hold this level of information, please contact NHS England.

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/contact-us/foi/>

2. What type of contracting is used for the commissioning of private Intermediate Care facilities?

All healthcare contracts (excluding GPs) use the NHS Standard contract as published by NHS England and is available on their website.

- a) What is the average contract length?

Contract length is variable, it will depend on a number of factors including future plans, transformation initiatives and the needs of the local population. It isn't unusual to have contracts ranging from 12 months to 7 years.

- b) What are the payment terms (block payment, pay for results, etc)?

We currently only hold one contract with a non-NHS provider for Intermediate Care and this contract is based on a block agreement.

3. What number of intermediate care beds would fulfil your current unmet need?

The ICB does not hold this information.

For clarity we have based our responses on the definition of Intermediate Care at the following link;

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/social-care-and-support-guide/care-after-a-hospital-stay/care-after-illness-or-hospital-discharge-reablement/#:~:text=If%20you%20or%20someone%20you,called%20intermediate%20care%2C%20or%20Oaftercare>

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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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