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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 each part of your request is below.

In the request you asked:

1. What criteria did Nottingham and Nottinghamshire ICS use to decide on the specific procedures, methodologies and equipment that would be used to complete the diagnostic tests delivered by the community diagnostic centres commissioned by the Integrated Care System?

The ICS considered the national Community Diagnostic Centre guidance on the minimum specification for tests and the local health system's forecast demand in those modalities. The capital envelope did not allow for consideration of tests outside the national guidance minimum specification.

1. What public and patient consultation did Nottingham and Nottinghamshire ICS carry out surrounding the specific procedures, methodologies and equipment that would be used to complete the diagnostic tests delivered by the community diagnostic centres commissioned by the Integrated Care System?

The ICS did not carry out public and patient consultation on the tests to be included in its Community Diagnostic Centres. Meeting the national guidance minimum specification for diagnostic equipment did not allow for consideration of tests outside the specification and therefore public consultation could not have influenced the decision making process.

2. What discussions has Nottingham and Nottinghamshire ICS had the on need to adjust the way diagnostic tests are delivered by the community diagnostic centres commissioned by the ICS, to make their delivery of tests and checks more efficient?

One stop shop clinics will be implemented meaning multiple tests will be carried out during a single visit, thereby reducing the number of patient attendances.

3. Which specific procedures are conducted by Healthcare Professionals within each diagnostic test available in the Community Diagnostic Centres commissioned by Nottingham and Nottinghamshire ICS; and b) can the ICS provide a list of any applicable NICE Guidance followed within the diagnostic tests carried out in Community Diagnostic Centres commissioned by Nottingham and Nottinghamshire ICS?

The tests in the table below will be performed in the Community Diagnostic Centres. Endoscopy will be delivered at the Mansfield Community Diagnostic Centre but not at the Nottingham Community Diagnostic Centre. All relevant clinical guidance will be followed.

Diagnostic modality	Minimum requirements
Imaging	CT MR Ultrasound Plan X-ray
Physiological measurement	Electrocardiogram (ECG) including 24 hour and longer tape recordings of heart rhythm monitoring Ambulatory blood pressure monitoring Echocardiography (ECHO) Oximetry Blood gases Fractional exhaled nitric oxide (FeNO) Spirometry including bronchodilator response Lung volumes and gas transfer Simple field tests (e.g. 6 minute walk test Some sleep investigations
Pathology	Phlebotomy Point of care testing NT-proBNP Urine testing

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Yours sincerely

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