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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:

We are seeking the below data via FOI to help us better understand and support the commissioning pressure on ICSs in relation to spirometry tests.

1. How many spirometry tests for diagnosis of breathlessness symptoms were performed in your ICS from 1 April 2022 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023? Please break this down via: General practice; community diagnostic centre; acute trusts, other (please specify any other settings)

General Practice – The ICB does not hold this information. You may wish to contact individual GP practices to request this information. Information on the GP Practices within Nottingham and Nottinghamshire can be found on our website via the following link - <https://notts.icb.nhs.uk/your-health/primary-care/>

Community Diagnostic Centre - Currently there are no Community Diagnostic Centres operating within the ICB.

Acute Trusts – The ICB does not hold this information. Information on how to submit a Freedom of Information request to the individual Trusts can be found on their websites as 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/>

Doncaster and Bassetlaw Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust - <https://www.dbth.nhs.uk/contact/freedom-of-information/>

2. How many spirometry tests for diagnosis of breathlessness symptoms were performed in your ICS from 1 April 2019 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020? Please break this down via: General practice; community diagnostic centre; acute trusts, other (please specify any other settings)

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3. What percentage of general practices within your ICS offer spirometry tests for diagnosis as of the 1<sup>st</sup> March 2023?

100% of practices offer spirometry tests for diagnosis, either delivered by the practice or via an alternative primary care service provider. The Enhanced Service Delivery Scheme (ESDS) is signed up to by 127/131 GP practices, which is inclusive of Spirometry. The four practices that are not signed up to ESDS send their patients to the primary care service provider.

4. What percentage of community diagnostic centres within your ICS offer spirometry tests for diagnosis as of the 1<sup>st</sup> March 2023?

Currently there are no Community Diagnostic Centres operating within the ICB.

5. What was the number of people with breathlessness symptoms waiting for a spirometry test for diagnosis as of 1<sup>st</sup> March 2023?

The ICB does not hold this level of information. You may wish to contact individual GP practices to request this information. Information on the GP Practices within Nottingham and Nottinghamshire can be found on our website via the following link - <https://notts.icb.nhs.uk/your-health/primary-care/>

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](mailto: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/>

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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