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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 not hold the information that you have requested. A response to your request is below.

In the request you asked:

I am writing to ask if you are able to share the information of how many times you have funded specialist treatment for Dissociative identity Disorder vs Declined it in the last five years as well as a rough reasoning as to why it was granted if that is possible.

I mean treatment by clinics like the pottergate and clinic for dissociative studies who specialises in the treatment of this disorder. The NHS only has one clinic as I understand it, but they won't work with patients who are active self-harm or suicide risks.

The cases that the ICB have funded were submitted by Nottinghamshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust and evidence was provided to confirm that local options for treatment had been exhausted.

The number of times that the ICB has approved and declined funding for specialist treatment for dissociative during the last five years is less than 5.

*The ICB does hold the information in relation to how many times the ICB has funded and declined specialist treatment for Dissociative Identify Disorder vs declined it in the last five years, however if the number is very low (5 or less) the information cannot be disclosed as it could potentially identify the individuals involved, especially if combined with other data, and this would constitute a breach of the Data Protection Act 2018. Therefore, this information is exempt from disclosure under section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 on the grounds that it is personal information.*

As defined by the Data Protection Act, personal data constitutes as:

*“Personal data” means any information relating to an identified or identifiable living individual.*

*“Identifiable living individual” means a living individual who can be identified, directly or indirectly, in particular by reference to –*

- (a) an identifier such as a name, an identification number, location data or an online identifier, or*
- (b) one or more factors specific to the physical, physiological, genetic, mental, economic, cultural or social identity of the individual*

The cases that the ICB have funded were submitted by Nottinghamshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust and evidenced that local options for treatment had been exhausted.

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/>

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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

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

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