

21/09/2023 NN-ICB/23/459

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 your request is below.

In the request you asked:

- Do you oversee a Long Covid Clinic? Yes, Nottingham and Nottinghamshire ICB Commission providers to provide Long Covid Clinics
- How many clinics? There are two providers, Nottingham City Care and Nottinghamshire Healthcare NHS Trust
- Since opening, how many patients have been admitted to the clinic(s)? Nottingham and
  Nottinghamshire ICB do not hold this information, you may wish to contact the providers directly.

Nottingham City Care: Contact us :: Nottingham City Care

Nottinghamshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust: <u>FOI. Freedom of Information, FOI Scheme</u>, Publication scheme (nottinghamshirehealthcare.nhs.uk)

• In the same period, how many people have been discharged? Nottingham and Nottinghamshire ICB do not hold this information, you may wish to contact the providers directly.

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NHS England has said it will cease to fund Long Covid services nationally from end of March 2024 with ICBs taking control of funding decisions. Has your ICB decided if it will continue funding the long covid clinic(s)?

NHS England has not indicated that national funding for Long COVID services will cease after March 2024. It is anticipated that funding from NHS England to support Long COVID services will in future be allocated directly to ICB's.

NHS England have supported the establishment Long COVID services across the country in accordance with the clinical pathway outlined by the National Institute of Health and Care Excellence and the standards set out in NHS England's national commissioning publications. From April 2024, NHS England's central Long COVID programme which directed

long COVID policy and establishment of services will cease as long COVID services are delivered as business as usual for the NHS, which means that ICBs will be responsible for the continued delivery of these services, in accordance with the guidance established, and population need.

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 <a href="mailto:lucy.branson@nhs.net">lucy.branson@nhs.net</a> 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 <a href="https://ico.org.uk/concerns/">https://ico.org.uk/concerns/</a>

Yours sincerely

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

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