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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) does the Director of Finance personally hold an accountancy qualification (e.g. CIPFA, CIMA, ICAEW), and if so - which qualification does he hold?

NHS Nottingham and Nottinghamshire ICB's Director of Finance is a qualified CIMA accountant.

- 2) What is the ICS's understanding of the statutory provisions in respect of the Director of Finance role, both

- a) is it a requirement to have a Director of Finance (please give the statutory reference)

The National Health Service Act 2006, as amended by the Health and Care Act 2022 ("the Act") does not prescribe a Director of Finance role for Integrated Care Boards (ICBs); however, NHS England guidance issued under section 14Z26(6) of the Act confirms the NHS England policy position that a Director of Finance (referred to as Chief Finance Officer in the guidance) must be appointed as an executive member of the ICB's Board. The guidance can be found here: [B1551--Guidance-to-Clinical-Commissioning-Groups-on-the-preparation-of-Integrated-Care-Board-constitutions.pdf \(england.nhs.uk\)](#)

- b) does the Director of Finance **have** to hold an accountancy qualification to take up that post (of so, please give statutory reference)

NHS Nottingham and Nottinghamshire ICB's Constitution requires the ICB's Director of Finance to be a qualified accountant with full professional membership. Please see paragraph 3.9.1(b) of the ICB's Constitution, which can be found here: [Our Constitution - NHS Nottingham and Nottinghamshire ICB](#). This is in line with the NHS England policy position that an accountancy qualification is an essential requirement for the role.

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Yours sincerely

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

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