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NN-ICB/23/509

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 your request is below.

In the request you asked:

In April of 2023, in relation to NHS Continuing Healthcare assessments conducted in accordance with the Standing Rules s.21(2) and using the decision support tool:

- Where at least one priority level was identified, how many assessments led to a recommendation of eligibility and how many did not?
- Where at least two severe levels (but no priority level) were identified, how many assessments led to a recommendation of eligibility and how many did not?
- Where one severe level (but no priority level) was identified, how many assessments led to a recommendation of eligibility and how many did not?
- Where a number of domains with high and/or moderate needs (phrasing taken from the DST) but no severe or priority level identified, how many assessments led to a recommendation of eligibility and how many did not?

Section 12 (Cost Limit Exemption)

The ICB does hold the information requested above, however, it is not possible to provide the information without undertaking an exercise to locate, retrieve, extract and undertake analysis of every decision support tool undertaken. During April 2023, 110 NHS CHC assessments were conducted in accordance with the Standing Rules s.21(2) and using the decision support tool. This would equate to a significant amount of time to ensure the accurate extraction of information from each of these assessments and would exceed the appropriate cost limit of £450.

The Freedom of Information Act state that the appropriate limit to be applied to requests received by the ICB is £450 (equivalent to 18 hours of work at £25 per hour) in estimating the cost of complying with the request for information, the ICB can only take into account any reasonable costs incurred in:

- *Determining whether it holds the information,*
- *Locating the information, or document which may contains the information,*
- *Retrieving the information, or document which may contain the information, and*

- *Extracting the information from a document containing it.*

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 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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