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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 each part of your request is below.

In the request you asked:

- 1) *What is your estimate of the incidence of postural tachycardia syndrome (PoTS) in the population of Nottinghamshire and how many patients have been diagnosed with the condition over the last 5 years?*

We do not hold this information. NHS Nottingham and Nottinghamshire ICB is a commissioner of healthcare services; we do not provide healthcare services and, as such, do not have patients and/or undertake clinical coding activities. You may wish to contact our Acute providers.

It may be helpful to know, our three main Acute providers across Nottingham and Nottinghamshire are: Nottingham University Hospitals NHS Trust, Sherwood Forest Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust and Doncaster and Bassetlaw Teaching Hospitals.

- 2) *Is there evidence of a growth in PoTS diagnoses since May 2020 due to patients suffering with long-Covid?*

Please see response to Q1.

- 3) *To which specialty within secondary care are PoTS patients referred for investigation, diagnosis and longer-term management?*

Please see response to Q1.

- 4) *Are there established ICB patient pathways in place for the referral, diagnosis and management of a) adult patients and b) paediatric patients with PoTS in your local population?*

We do not hold this information.

- 5) *Do a) adult patients and b) paediatric patients diagnosed with PoTS have access to a specialised PoTS clinic or service for treatment by dedicated clinicians with an interest/expertise in the condition? If so, please provide details of individual adult and paediatric services patients are referred to.*

Please see response to Q1.

- 6) *How is activity coded for adult and paediatric patients with a diagnosis of PoTS?*

Please see response to Q1.

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Yours sincerely

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