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Dear Requestor

**Re: Freedom of Information Request**

Thank you for your request for information, received on 17 December 2024, regarding COPD and spirometry. We have processed your request in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA). Under the FOIA, public authorities like ours are required to respond to requests for information within 20 working days. In response to your request, I can confirm that we partially hold the information requested.

Please find below our response to your request:

Please share the following information regarding COPD and spirometry in your area:

1. How are Spirometry services delivered within your region (tick all that apply):

- Commissioned primary care service (e.g. practice or PCN delivery through a commissioned or LES provision),	√
- via CDC (Community Diagnostic Centre),	Discussions are in place regards CDC capacity for spirometry delivery
- outsourced to a non-GP independent provider,	√
- within secondary care,	√
- as part of TLHC (Targeted Lung Health Check).	The ICB does not provide spirometry as part of the Lung Health Checks.

2. How many new COPD diagnoses (positive, any GOLD classification) were made in your region in the year 2024?

Approximately 1700 new diagnoses made.

3. How many patients in total registered with GPs in your area who have COPD?

As of 20 December 2024; 26,720 registered with diagnosed COPD.

4. What is the average waiting time for spirometry appointments in your region?

The ICB does not hold this information.

5. How many ARTP (Association of Respiratory Technology and Physiology) accredited healthcare professionals are in your region?

60.

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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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