Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Integrated Care Board

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NN-ICB/25-1248

Dear Requestor

Re: Freedom of Information Request

Thank you for your request for information, received on 14 July 2025, and your clarification for question 6 received on 30 July 2025, regarding Local Enhanced Services (LES). 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:

1. Please check the attached list of each Local Enhanced Service (LES) available in the ICB in the 2024/25 financial year for GP practices. Please make any amendments to this list of services – including any subtractions or additions to the list. [COLUMN B]

   There have been no amendments to Column B in the attached Excel document.

2. Specify the allocated budgets for the 2025/26 financial year for each service, including any new ones for this financial year. [COLUMN D]

   Please see attached Excel document, completed at Column D.

3. An estimate of how many patients in the ICB area are eligible for each service. [COLUMN E]

   All patients registered at a participating practice are eligible.

4. Confirmation of whether each enhanced service is also available to other primary care providers and details of which (i.e. pharmacies, PCNs, etc.) [COLUMN F]

   The ICB does not hold this information as it only manages local enhanced services which are offered to GP Practices. Each practice is part of a Primary Care Network (PCN), who may have their own internally organised support system for delivery.

5. Please add any enhanced services for any services that are available for pharmacies, PCNs or other providers and are not currently listed. Please include all the info requested in each column for these additional services.

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6. Please add links/attachments to service specifications (for LES offered to GPs and pharmacies).

The ICB does not hold any service specifications for pharmacies, but the Service Specifications for GPs are attached as listed below:

1. Severe & Multiple Disadvantaged (SMD) LES
2. Primary Care Monitoring (Nottingham & Nottinghamshire)
3. Bassetlaw Shared Care Delivery Scheme
4. Physical Health Assessments in Eating Disorders LES
5. Diabetes LES
6. Asylum Seeker LES
7. Enhanced Services Delivery Scheme (ESDS)
8. Physical Health Checks for Serious Mental Illness LES
9. Warfarin Anticoagulation Monitoring LES
10. Safeguarding Reports LES

The above Service Specifications have been REDACTED as we are unable to provide the names and email addresses of the individuals as this information is personal information/ third party personal information. This information is exempt under section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

As defined by the Data Protection Act, personal data constitutes as:

"Personal data" means any information relating to an identified or identifiable living individual.

"Identifiable living individual" means a living individual who can be identified, directly or indirectly, in particular by reference to –

(a) an identifier such as a name, an identification number, location data or an online identifier, or

(b) one or more factors specific to the physical, physiological, genetic, mental, economic, cultural or social identity of the individual.

Also, whilst the Service Specifications are not commercially sensitive, the locally agreed tariffs are, therefore, the ICB has REDACTED the local tariffs as they are deemed commercially sensitive under Section 43 (2) of the Act.

Section 43 of the Act states that:

(1) Information is exempt information if it constitutes a trade secret.

(2) Information is exempt information if its disclosure under this Act would, or would be likely to, prejudice the commercial interests of any person (including the public authority holding it).

(3) The duty to confirm or deny does not arise if, or to the extent that, compliance with section 1(1)(a) would, or would be likely to, prejudice the interests mentioned in subsection (2).

A **public interest test** has been undertaken in response to your request made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

The Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) sets out public interest factors in favour of and against disclosure. Some of the factors in favour were as follows:

- Ensuring that the public authority can be held accountable for its decisions, particularly as to how it spends public money.
- Ensuring that a tender process is open and transparent.

- Providing insight into the nature of a procurement process and winning bids, so that other companies are encouraged to take part in the process and improve future bids.

Public interest factors against disclosure (and in favour of the maintenance of an exemption) included:

- There is an inherent public interest in the maintenance of the exemption, and of upholding private companies' expectations that commercially confidential information will be protected from disclosure when they engage in public authority tenders.
- Avoiding the discouragement of prospective tenderers from tendering for public sector contracts, for fear of disclosure of their commercially sensitive information to competitors, and that this may adversely affect both the quality of tenders for public sector contracts, and public authorities' ability to negotiate them effectively.
- Maintaining a competitive market and driving competition as this benefits public authorities and consumers, and which could be threatened by disclosure of companies' commercial information.

On balance of the factors considered above, along with relevant case law, we considered that the ICB would be entitled to withhold the locally agreed tariffs and that this would not be superseded by public interest considerations.

If you are unhappy with the way in which your request has been handled, NHS Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Integrated Care Board (ICB) has 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, Director of Corporate Affairs 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

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