Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Integrated Care Board

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Dear Requestor

Re: Freedom of Information Request

Thank you for your request for information, originally received on 22 May 2025 and your clarification received on 19 June 2025, regarding Violence against Women and Girls (VAWG). 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 do hold the information requested.

Please find below our response to your request:

Please provide the following information for the last three financial years: 2022–2023, 2023–2024, and 2024–2025 (to date):

1. Has your ICB provided funding to any women's organisations supporting victims/survivors of Violence against Women and Girls (VAWG) – including but not limited to domestic abuse, sexual assault? For each organisation funded, please include name of the organisation, total amount of funding allocated, purpose of the funding / description of service supported.

   The ICB has provided funding of £315,834 to the Nottinghamshire Sexual Violence Support Service (Notts SVSS). This is part of a joint commissioning arrangement with Nottingham City Council, Nottinghamshire County Council and the Office of Police Crime Commissioner (OPCC). This is for a Sexual Violence Hub and Therapy Service.

   The ICB provides £45,000 per year to POW Nottingham Ltd to address health inequalities amongst sex workers and provide support to people who are at risk of exploitation and violence.

2. Has your ICB provided funding to any VAWG organisation led by and for Black and minoritised women? For each organisation funded, please include name of the organisation, total amount of funding allocated, purpose of the funding / description of service supported.

   No.

3. Has your ICB collaborated or engaged with VAWG organisations led by and for Black and minoritised women since 2022? If yes, describe the nature of collaboration.

   No.

4. Please confirm whether any engagement or commissioning of VAWG organisations led by and for Black and minoritised women is planned.

   No.

5. Has NHS Women's Health Hub funding been used to support VAWG services in your ICB area? If yes, please specify how.

   No.

6. Has your ICB conducted any Equality Impact Assessments relating to the commissioning of VAWG services since 2022? If yes, please provide the relevant documents. (Please provide information regarding whether ICB has examined how its decisions about funding different VAWG organisations since 2022 have affected different groups, particularly Black and minoritised groups).

   Nottingham and Nottinghamshire ICB has completed an Equality and Quality Impact Assessment on individual services relating to VAWG provision. The ICB completed an EQIA in 2023 to approve continued funding to the existing Notts sexual violence hub and therapy service. The EQIA process considered all protected characteristics which include both gender and race. The ICB can confirm that we understand the impact of the current ICB funded Sexual Violence Support Service on black and minoritised groups, and that the ICB does hold information on the impact of the commissioning upon black and minoritised groups.

   Please see attached the redacted EQIA. The names of individuals have been redacted in line with the Data Protection Act, Section 40 (2). As defined by the Data Protection Act, personal data constitutes as:

   > "Personal data" means any information relating to an identified or identifiable living individual.
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   > "Identifiable living individual" means a living individual who can be identified, directly or indirectly, in particular by reference to -
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   > (a) an identifier such as a name, an identification number, location data or an online identifier, or
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   > (b) one or more factors specific to the physical, physiological, genetic, mental, economic, cultural or social identity of the individual.

7. What monitoring or evaluation processes are in place to assess whether funded VAWG services are reaching and effectively supporting Black and minoritised women?

   The Office of Police Crime Commissioner (OPCC) is the Lead Commissioner and Notts SVSS reports equality data each quarter, which includes ethnicity of service users. The Provider also produces an annual report detailing community engagement activities and provides updates on engagement with diverse communities as part of quarterly monitoring meetings.

   The ICB reviews quarterly service monitoring from POW Nottingham Ltd, which includes recording of ethnicity. This includes case studies to explain how the service works in partnership with wider specialist services and communities.

8. Please provide any guidance documents or commissioning strategies used by the ICB when making funding decisions related to VAWG.

   See Link to - Notts VAWG Strategy 2023-2028- Final
   See Link to - NHS England » Domestic abuse and violence bill
   NHSE Strategic Direction for Survivors of Sexual Abuse and Assault 2018-2023.

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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/.

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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. nnicb-nn.foi@nhs.net

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