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Dear Requestor

Re: Freedom of Information Request

Thank you for your request for information, received on 23 May 2025, regarding thoracoscopy services. 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 not hold the information requested.

Details of your request:

- 1. Do any hospitals within your ICB provide a thoracoscopy services (rigid and/or semi-rigid)?
- 2. If so, please specify:
 - 2.1 The type(s) of thoracoscopy available if known (rigid and or semi-rigid).
 - 2.2 Please provide the manufacturer and model of the thoracoscopy equipment currently in use.
 - 2.3 The location where these procedures are carried out (e.g., operating theatres, endoscopy unit, procedural room, etc.).
 - 2.4 The department responsible for these procedures.
 - 2.5 The number of thoracoscopy procedures performed annually (if available).

Our response to your request:

The ICB does not hold this information. You may wish to contact individual providers to request this and how to submit a Freedom of Information request to each provider can be found on their websites linked below.

- Nottingham University Hospitals NHS Trust https://www.nuh.nhs.uk/freedom-of-information
- Sherwood Forest Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust <u>Freedom of Information | Sherwood Forest Hospitals</u>
- Doncaster and Bassetlaw Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust https://www.dbth.nhs.uk/contact/freedom-of-information/.

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 https://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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