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Dear Requestor

Re: Freedom of Information Request

Thank you for your request for information, received on 14 July 2025, regarding the public Board report for Cancer and Index of Multiple Deprivation (IMD). 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.

Details of your request:

I happened to look at this report [public ICB Board paper 09.05.2024] and noted that on page 77 Newark (I assume that means GPs surgeries in the Newark catchment) scored 49.2 in the column titled cancer which was the highest score in the column. Could you please explain what that means.

Also the colour seems to denote the IMD score does this mean that the 49.2 score only applies to the population that has the highest level of deprivation. Obviously not all areas in the Newark catchment will have a high level of multiple deprivation. Could you please explain.

Our response to your request:

This query relates to the 2024-2028 Joint Forward Plan (JFP), showing differences between Primary Care Networks (PCNs) in Nottingham and Nottinghamshire. In the latest version of the JFP, the table with the latest data has been updated.

On the left column of the table is PCNs; which does mean Practices in the Newark Primary Care Network (broadly all Newark GPs).

The column on cancer relates to prevalence of cancer based on the Quality Outcomes Framework (QOF) GP cancer register. This suggests that recorded cancer prevalence is higher in the Newark Primary Care Network, irrespective of level of deprivation for particular neighbourhoods in Newark. Higher prevalence does not necessarily mean a worse outcome as prevalence includes both new cases and existing cases of cancer and may indicate longer survival.

The column on IMD relates to Index of Multiple Deprivation data. The BACHS PCN is the most deprived PCN in Nottingham and Nottinghamshire, and Rushcliffe South the least deprived. Newark is towards the less deprived PCNs in Nottingham and Nottinghamshire.

The data on cancer relates to the entire Newark GP registered population.

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Yours sincerely

Freedom of Information (FOI) Officer on behalf of NHS Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Integrated Care Board

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