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Dear Requestor

**Re: Freedom of Information Request**

Thank you for your request for information, received on 1 August 2025, regarding Lipoprotein(a) [Lp(a)] testing. 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:**

- Does your ICB currently offer Lipoprotein(a) [Lp(a)] blood testing? (Yes/No)
  - If yes, please provide the total number of Lp(a) tests requested or performed per year, for the last four financial years (2020–21 to 2023–24), broken down if possible as follows:
    - a. Requested by primary care
    - b. Requested by secondary care (hospital clinics or inpatients)
- If available, please provide the number of Lp(a) tests that returned a raised result, as defined locally (e.g. >125 nmol/L or >50 mg/dL), per year over the same period.
- If available, please provide the number of unique patients tested for Lp(a) per year (i.e. not total test counts, but distinct individuals).
- If Lp(a) testing is not currently available at your ICB, do you refer these tests to an external laboratory or partner organisation? (Yes/No – please specify name of partner if possible)

**Our response to your request:**

The Integrated Care Board (ICB) is responsible for the commissioning of healthcare services within the local area. This means the ICB plans, funds, and oversees the delivery of services but does not directly provide any healthcare services to patients. For example, the ICB does not offer services such as blood testing or any other clinical procedures.

As such, the ICB does not hold the specific information you are requesting. You may wish to contact the individual healthcare providers directly to request this information. Information on how to submit a Freedom of Information request to each provider can be found on their respective websites linked below:

- Nottingham University Hospitals NHS Trust - <https://www.nuh.nhs.uk/freedom-of-information>
- Sherwood Forest Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust - <https://www.sfh-tr.nhs.uk/about-us/regulatory-information/freedom-of-information/foi-request-form/>
- Doncaster and Bassetlaw Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust - <https://www.dbth.nhs.uk/contact/freedom-of-information/>.

Please contact the relevant provider directly for further assistance.

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](mailto: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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