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Dear Requestor

Re: Freedom of Information Request

Thank you for your request for information, received on 7 August 2025, regarding ADHD referrals. 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:

Cost and number of referrals for ADHD diagnosis for providers who have a contract with the ICB.

1. For those providers of ADHD services with a contract with the ICB please provide the following information:
 - a) The total amounts paid by the ICB to NHS providers of ADHD diagnosis for each of the financial years: 2022/23, 2023/24, 2024/25, broken down according to each NHS provider organisation.
** Exemption: Section 12, see below.*
 - b) The total number of patients referred to NHS providers of ADHD diagnosis for each of the financial years 2022/23 2023/23 2024/25, broken down according to each NHS provider organisation.
** Exemption: Section 12, see below.*
 - c) The total number of patients referred to non-NHS (private) providers of ADHD diagnosis for each of the financial years 2022/23 2023/24 2024/25 broken down according to each non-NHS (private) provider organisation.
The ICB does not hold information on patients referred to non-NHS (private) providers of ADHD diagnosis, as it does not commission any such providers.
 - d) The total amounts paid by the ICB to non-NHS (private) providers of ADHD diagnosis for each of the financial years: 2022/23, 2023/24, 2024/25, broken down according to each non- NHS (private) provider organisation.
The ICB does not hold information on payments to non-NHS (private) providers of ADHD diagnosis, as it does not commission any such providers.

Cost and number of referrals for ADHD diagnosis deemed to be “non-contract activity”.

2. For those providers of ADHD services without a contract with the ICB – otherwise known as “non-contract activity” please provide the following information:

- a) The total amounts paid by the ICB to NHS providers of ADHD diagnosis for each of the financial years: 2022/23, 2023/24, 2024/25, broken down according to each NHS provider organisation.

* Exemption: Section 12, see below.

- b) The total number of patients referred to NHS providers of ADHD diagnosis for each of the financial years 2022/23 2023/23 2024/25, broken down according to each NHS provider organisation.

The ICB does not hold this information, as referrals are handled by General Practitioners. Please direct your request to them.

- c) The total number of patients referred to non-NHS (private) providers of ADHD diagnosis for each of the financial years 2022/23 2023/24 2024/25 broken down according to each non-NHS (private) provider organisation.

The ICB does not hold this information, as referrals are handled by General Practitioners. Please direct your request to them.

- d) The total amounts paid by the ICB to non-NHS (private) providers of ADHD diagnosis for each of the financial years: 2022/23, 2023/24, 2024/25, broken down according to each non- NHS (private) provider organisation.

* Exemption: Section 12, see below.

In relation to your request for Questions 1a,1b, 2a and 2d:

*** Exemption: Section 12**

Our accounts and invoices do include costs and the number of patients referred for ADHD diagnosis. However, these are not itemised separately from other services (such as autism assessments and treatments).

To identify and extract the specific ADHD diagnosis amounts, staff would need to manually check and analyse each invoice line.

For example, in 2024/25, we estimate around 3,660 invoice lines would need to be reviewed. At a conservative estimate of 20 seconds per line, this would equate to just over 20 hours of work. Extending this exercise to three financial years would therefore take in excess of 60 hours.

The Freedom of Information Act sets a limit of 18 hours (or £450) for public authorities such as ours. Accordingly, we are unable to comply with this part of your request, as permitted by Section 12 of the Act.

Duty to Advise and Assist (section 16)

To assist you, you may wish to consider refining your request, for example by:

- Narrowing the timeframe;
- Focusing on a particular provider; or
- Requesting broader information on total expenditure on neurodevelopmental services with private providers (ADHD and autism combined), which may be more readily identifiable from our records.

If you would like to submit a refined request, we would be happy to reconsider it.

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

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

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