Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Integrated Care Board

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Dear Requestor

Re: Freedom of Information Request

Thank you for your request for information, received on 11 August 2025, regarding the prevalence of cancer in the Newark area. 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:

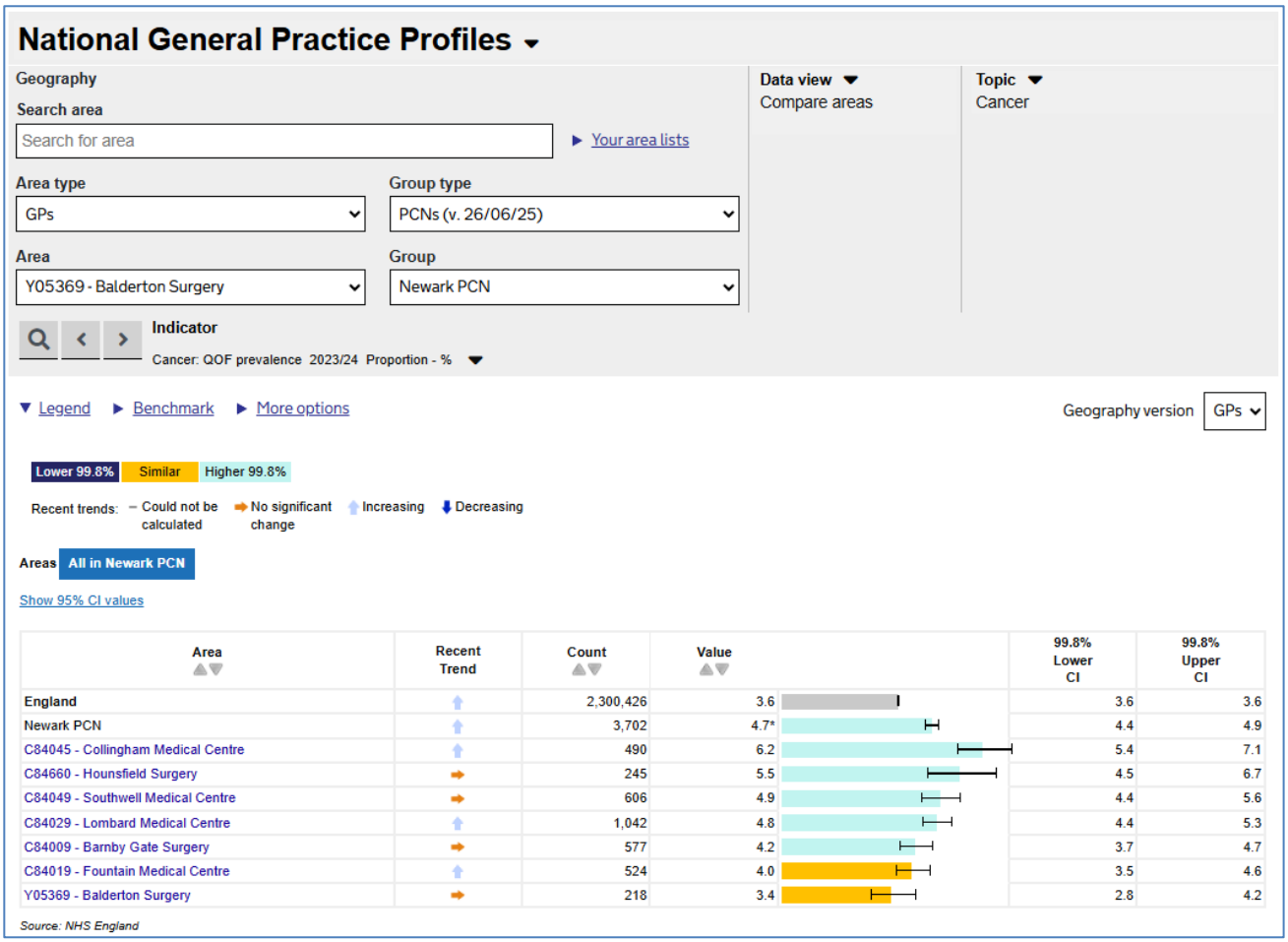
I am aware that the Newark PCN has a large catchment and takes in some very diverse communities that will be the either end of the IMD.

1. Is it possible to provide prevalence of cancer based on the QOF cancer register by Lower Super Output Area. This would provide a far more meaningful figure.

   The ICB cannot provide a breakdown of cancer prevalence based on the QOF cancer register data by LSOA because GP Practices are the Data Controllers for this data, not the ICB.

   The ICB can, however, signpost to GP Practice-level figures published by the Department of Health and Social Care on the Fingertips National General Practice Profiles: https://fingertips.phe.org.uk/profile/general-practice/data#page/3/gid/1938132829/pat/204/par/U65095/ati/7/are/Y05369/yrr/1/cid/4/tbm/1/page-options/car-do-0.

   These figures show the percentage of patients with cancer, as recorded on Practice QOF disease registers (register of patients with a diagnosis of cancer excluding non-melanotic skin cancers from 1 April 2003):



According to the latest published QOF cancer prevalence data, the following GP Practices in Newark have higher prevalence rates than England (3.6%):

- C84045 - Collingham Medical Centre (6.2%)
- C84660 - Hounsfield Surgery (5.5%)
- C84049 - Southwell Medical Centre (4.9%)
- C84029 - Lombard Medical Centre (4.8%)
- C84009 - Barnby Gate Surgery (4.2%).

Collingham Medical Centre, Hounsfield Surgery and Southwell Medical Centre have much lower average IMD deprivation scores than England. Only Lombard Medical Centre has slightly higher deprivation scores than England. The table below shows the average IMD scores for England and the GP Practices in Newark. The higher the score, the higher the deprivation.

Area	IMD Score
England	21.7
C84029 - Lombard Medical Centre	24.0
C84009 - Barnby Gate Surgery	21.0
C84019 - Fountain Medical Centre	20.7
Y05369 - Balderton Surgery	14.9
C84660 - Hounsfield Surgery	14.0
C84045 - Collingham Medical Centre	13.6
C84049 - Southwell Medical Centre	7.4

Source: Fingertips: https://fingertips.phe.org.uk/profile/general-practice/data#page/3/gid/2000005/pat/204/par/U65095/ati/7/are/Y05369/iid/93553/age/1/sex/4/cat/-1/ctp/-1/yrr/1/cid/4/tbm/1/page-options/car-do-0

Prevalence of cancer is driven by several factors, such as incidence, diagnosis rate, age and survival, therefore, higher prevalence in one area compared to another does not necessarily mean worse outcomes, as it could mean that people in that area are living longer with cancer.

One of the key findings from NHS England latest Cancer Survival report (https://digital.nhs.uk/data-and-information/publications/statistical/cancer-survival-in-england/cancers-diagnosed-2016-to-2020-followed-up-to-2021) is that cancer "*survival is lower in areas with higher deprivation. For most cancers, the survival decreases consistently for each deprivation quintile from least deprived to most deprived*".

Other useful cancer stats at national and regional level are also published by NHS England on the Cancer Data Hub: https://digital.nhs.uk/ndrs/data/data-outputs/cancer-data-hub.

2. Has there been any research or investigation into why there is a high prevalence of cancer in the Newark area.

   The ICB does not hold this information.

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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

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