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Dear Requestor

Re: Freedom of Information Request

Thank you for your request for information, received on 13 August 2025, regarding GP funding route. 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.

Please find below our response to your request:

I am trying to find some information with regards to GP funding routes for diagnostic imaging.

I am looking into the viability of starting a company which offers portable Xray diagnostic imaging. The service will consist of a Radiographer and portable Xray scanner. The person will attend GP surgery's and undertake scans in one of their rooms on a one day per week basis or as required.

The aim of this service will be to reduce overall waiting times and reliance on secondary care for diagnostic imaging.

With this in mind would you be able to answer the following questions:

1. How are GP requested X-rays currently funded?

[They are funded as part of direct access diagnostics within the NHS provider contracts held by Nottingham and Nottinghamshire ICB and paid under the NHS Payment System \(national tariff\).](#)

2. Is there a funding stream which would pay for a service as described above?

[Yes.](#)

3. Would a service like this be paid by the GP Practice or the ICB?

[The ICB commissions and funds these services via provider contracts.](#)

4. What is the current number of plain film referrals (Xray) from GP practices across the region?

[There were 96,989 plain film X-rays linked to GP Practices in Nottingham and Nottinghamshire ICB in the last financial year \(2024/25\).](#)

5. Is there anyone at the ICB that would be willing to take a short teams call to discuss this with us?

[The ICB's Associate Director of Contracting, Mark Sheppard, can be contacted via the Contact Us page on the ICB's Website - \[General Enquiries - NHS Nottingham and Nottinghamshire ICB\]\(#\).](#)

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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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