Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Integrated Care Board

27/03/2025

NN-ICB/25-1095 follow up

Dear Requestor

Re: Freedom of Information Request

Following our response to your Freedom of Information Request 1095, thank you for your request for clarification regarding community mental health services. We had undertaken a review and are able to provide you with further information below.

Details of your original request:

Please disclose what response the ICB has made to NHS England's request last July that all ICBs review the community mental health services that they commission for patients who require intensive monitoring and care but where engagement may be a challenge:

"As a first step in improving care, NHS England included a requirement in the 2024/25 NHS Priorities and Operational Planning Guidance that all ICBs "review their community services by Q2 2024/25 to ensure that they have clear policies and practice in place for patients with serious mental illness, who require intensive community treatment and follow-up but where engagement is a challenge"

"As part of these reviews, ICBs are asked to report any gaps and barriers to delivering good care that they have identified (e.g. resourcing and workforce implications of delivering this care) to regional NHS England teams."

https://www.england.nhs.uk/long-read/guidance-to-integrated-care-boards-on-intensive-and-assertive-community-mental-health-care/

Please advise what the ICB has done since July 2024 to review this aspect of commissioning.

Please disclose any relevant reports that the ICB has compiled and any correspondence exchanged with NHS England on this specific matter.

Please disclose what methodology the ICB has employed in conducting this review of commissioning, and the relevant document(s) which sets out the methodology.

Please disclose whether the ICB has so far made any plans to increase funding for services that serve this group of patients with intensive needs. If so, please disclose the relevant documents that set out such plans.

Our response to your original request:

The link to the ICB Public Board paper, here - ICB-Board-14.11.24.pdf - provides an overview of the Review of Intensive and Assertive Community Mental Health Care undertaken in Nottinghamshire in September 2024, including the review process, review findings and the action plan in place to address the service gaps identified.

The action plan will be reviewed, updated and presented to ICB Public Board before the end of June 2025. Given the intended future publication of this information, NHS Nottingham and Nottinghamshire ICB has considered this request and is withholding the information requested at this present time in line with exemption in Section 22(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

Section 22(1) relates to information that is exempt information if -

a) the information is held by the public authority with a view to its publication, by the authority or any other person, at some future date (whether determined or not),

b) the information was already held with a view to such publication at the time when the request for information was made, and

c) it is reasonable in all the circumstances that the information should be withheld from disclosure until the date referred to in paragraph (a).

In summary, our response is that the information you have requested will be published in the near future and will be accessible on the ICB's website.

Our response to your follow up to FOI 1095

May I clarify if the document from page 111 to 115 of the board papers is a copy of the review report?

In line with our previous response, the board report (pages 108-124) - ICB-Board-14.11.24.pdf - provides an overview of the Review of Intensive and Assertive Community Mental Health Care undertaken. There is no separate report.

Please disclose copies of any related correspondence between the ICB and NHS England on the provision of assertive outreach services.

The link to this report - ICB-Board-14.11.24.pdf - was provided to NHS England..

As part of the review, NHS England required all systems to complete a review template. The completed template, which was submitted to NHS England, is attached.

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Yours sincerely

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