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Dear Requestor

Re: Freedom of Information Request

Thank you for your request for information, received on 31 March 2025, regarding palliative and end-of-life care services. 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:

Details of your request:

I would be grateful if you could supply the following information for each financial year from **2010/11 to 2024/25 (to date)**, in so far as it relates to services provided within your ICB region. Where data for earlier years is not held, I would appreciate any direction towards relevant predecessor organisations (e.g. Clinical Commissioning Groups or Primary Care Trusts), or any reports or summaries indicating how provision has changed over time.

1. Palliative Care Workforce within Your ICB Region

Please provide, for your ICB area:

- The number of **Consultant Palliative Medicine** doctors (headcount and full-time equivalent), either directly employed or commissioned;
- The number of **District Nurses** providing palliative or end-of-life care (headcount and FTE), whether directly employed or commissioned.

If available, please also indicate:

- Whether the nursing staff are designated as generalist or specialist in palliative care;
- The employing or contracting body (e.g. NHS trust, community provider, or voluntary sector organisation).

Nottingham and Nottinghamshire ICB do not hold this information, please contact our provider organisations for this information.

2. Hospice Provision and Funding within Your ICB Region

For each hospice provider located in your ICB area and funded or commissioned during the relevant period, please provide:

- The number of **inpatient hospice beds** (or equivalent bed capacity); 38

- The **total annual funding** provided to each hospice; [Please see attached](#)
- The nature of the funding arrangement (e.g. block contract, grant, or other). [Block contract](#)

3. Service Notifications Since April 2024

Since **1 April 2024**, have any hospice or palliative care providers operating within your ICB region formally notified the ICB of:

- Reductions in service provision; [No](#)
- Inpatient bed closures; [No](#)
- Staffing reductions or redundancies; [Yes](#)
- Changes to community-based palliative care provision. [No](#)

If so, please provide details, including dates, the nature of the changes, and any reasons provided.

4. Additional Information

- Has hospice funding for 2024/25 been increased, reduced, or maintained at the same level as in previous years? Please provide details. [Maintained](#)
- Has your ICB undertaken or commissioned any review, mapping exercise, or needs assessment of palliative and end-of-life care services within your region in the past five years? If so, I would be grateful to receive a copy or summary of any findings.

[A mapping exercise has been undertaken which highlighted an inequity of provision in hospice at home/ community provision across Nottingham and Nottinghamshire in Bassetlaw. A new model has been developed to reduce this inequity and is currently being reviewed internally through the ICB's internal governance.](#)

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/>.

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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

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

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