Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Integrated Care Board

30/10/2025

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Dear Requestor

Re: Freedom of Information Request

Thank you for your request for information, received on 2 October 2025, regarding pharmacy applications. 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.

Details of your request:

1. How many pharmacy applications were refused where a Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment identified a need for pharmacies?
2. How many pharmacy applications were refused where a Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment did not identify a need for pharmacies?
3. How many pharmacy applications were granted where a Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment identified a need for pharmacies?
4. How many pharmacy applications were granted where a Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment did not identify a need for pharmacies?
5. What was the total number of pharmacy applications received?
6. What were the reasons for rejecting pharmacy applications where a need was identified?
7. What were the reasons for granting pharmacy applications where a need was not identified?

Please could you provide the above information for each of the **past five years**.

Our response to your request:

The Integrated Care Board (ICB) was established in July 2022.

Primary Care Pharmaceutical commissioning responsibilities were delegated from NHS England to ICBs on 1 April 2023 and therefore the ICB does not hold information prior to this timeframe.

Please see Table below for information that we do hold.

	2023 (from 01/04/2023)	2024	2025 (as of 07/10/25)
1. How many pharmacy applications were refused where a Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment identified a need for pharmacies?	0	0	0
2. How many pharmacy applications were refused where a Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment did not identify a need for pharmacies?	1	0	0
3. How many pharmacy applications were granted where a Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment identified a need for pharmacies?	0	0	0
4. How many pharmacy applications were granted where a Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment did not identify a need for pharmacies?	0	0	0
5. What was the total number of pharmacy applications received?	1	0	1 (currently awaiting approval/ rejection)
6. What were the reasons for rejecting pharmacy applications where a need was identified?	N/A	N/A	N/A
7. What were the reasons for granting pharmacy applications where a need was not identified?	N/A	N/A	N/A

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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