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NN-ICB/26-1473

Dear Requestor,

**Re: Internal Review – FOI Request 26/1473 – Gamston Medical Centre Extension**

Thank you for your email of 13 February 2026 requesting an internal review of the ICB's response to your Freedom of Information Request relating to the Project Initiation Document (PID) for the proposed extension at Gamston Medical Centre.

Internal Review Process

An internal review has been conducted by an officer who was not involved in the original handling of your request, in line with the Section 45 Code of Practice under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). The review considered your original request, our previous response, and the points you raised.

As part of the review, the ICB assessed whether meaningful information could reasonably be disclosed in redacted form, taking into account your request for narrative, contextual, and strategic information where possible. The review also involved consultation with the originating GP practice as a relevant third party, to ensure that disclosure would not prejudice their commercial interests.

The review concluded that it is possible to release limited sections of the PID while maintaining the protections provided by the relevant FOIA exemptions.

Outcome

Following reconsideration, the ICB has determined that partial disclosure of the PID is possible. The original decision has, therefore, been partially upheld and partially modified. A redacted version of the PID is enclosed. Information has been withheld where the following FOIA exemptions apply:

- *Section 40(2) – Personal Data (absolute exemption)*: Personal details, including names, signatures, job titles, and contact information, have been withheld. This exemption is absolute and not subject to a public interest test.
- *Section 43(2) – Commercial Interests (qualified exemption)*: Certain financial and procurement information, and other commercially sensitive material, has been redacted to protect the interests of the GP practice, the ICB, and potential contractors.

Public Interest Test: While transparency of NHS estate development and use of public funds is important, disclosure of this information could weaken future procurement and commercial negotiations, potentially harming the ICB and partner practices. On balance, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the interest in disclosure.

- *Section 31(1)(a) – Law Enforcement (qualified exemption)*: Information about internal configuration, operational arrangements, and security measures has been withheld to reduce the risk of criminal activity and protect NHS premises.

Public Interest Test: While openness about NHS infrastructure is important, disclosure could compromise the safety of staff, patients, and NHS property. On balance, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the interest in disclosure.

We hope this addresses your request. If you remain dissatisfied, 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/>

Yours sincerely

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