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Dear Requestor

**Re: Freedom of Information Request**

Thank you for your request for information, received on 12 November 2025, regarding spontaneous intracranial hypotension (SIH) guidelines and neurology service provision. NHS Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Integrated Care Board (ICB) has processed your request in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

Under section 1 of the FOIA, public authorities are required to confirm whether the requested information is held and, if so, to provide it, subject to any applicable exemptions. We are required to respond within 20 working days, which we have done. I can confirm that the ICB partially holds the information requested.

For context, NHS Nottingham and Nottinghamshire ICB commissions a range of providers to deliver neurology services. However, detailed operational and clinical service information is held by individual provider organisations rather than centrally by the ICB.

**Please find below our response to your request:**

**Adoption and Oversight of Guidelines**

- Has the ICB taken steps to ensure that commissioned neurology providers are aware of and follow the 2023 SIH consensus guideline?

Yes. All contract providers are required to comply with the General Conditions terms of the NHS Standard Contract including “*Provider have a duty to have regard (and whether specifically mentioned in this Contract or not), to the extent that the same are published and publicly available or the existence or contents of them have been notified to the Provider by the Co-ordinating Commissioner and/or any relevant Regulatory or Supervisory Body*”. These terms are available in the public domain found on the NHS England website.

- Does the ICB hold any information on compliance or monitoring of adherence to this guideline by its providers?

No. The ICB does not hold specific information relating to compliance monitoring or assurance regarding adherence to the SIH guideline.

**Commissioned Neurology Services**

- Please provide a list of all NHS provider Trusts or organisations within your ICB footprint that deliver adult neurology services, including specialist neuroscience centres if applicable.

- Nottingham University Hospitals NHS Trust

- Sherwood Forest Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
- Doncaster and Bassetlaw Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust.
- If possible, please confirm whether each of these providers offers:
  - MRI brain with contrast and spine MRI for suspected SIH.
  - Non-targeted epidural blood patches (EBP).
  - Access/referral to specialist services for myelography, targeted patching, surgery, or endovascular treatment.

The ICB does not hold this information. Detailed clinical service provision and pathway information is held by individual provider organisations.

You may wish to contact the providers directly to request this information. Details of how to submit a Freedom of Information request to each organisation are available at the links below:

- Nottingham University Hospitals NHS Trust - <https://www.nuh.nhs.uk/freedom-of-information>
- Sherwood Forest Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust - [Freedom of Information | Sherwood Forest Hospitals](#)
- Doncaster and Bassetlaw Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust - <https://www.dbth.nhs.uk/contact/freedom-of-information/>.

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](mailto: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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