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Dear Requestor

Re: Freedom of Information Request

Thank you for your request for information, received on 17 November 2025, regarding Renal Network Affiliation and Structure. 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 do hold the information requested.

Please find below our response to your request:

1. Renal Network Membership:

Can you confirm which renal network your ICB is affiliated with? Can this include the geographical region and name of the renal network please.

Nottingham and Nottinghamshire ICB is affiliated with the Midlands Kidney Network (MKN), which covers the Midlands geographical region for both East and West Midlands.

2. Other ICBs in the Network:

Can you confirm which other ICBs are members of the same renal network?

Other ICBs, which are members of the same renal network, include:

- Birmingham and Solihull ICB (Main Renal Unit - Birmingham)
- Black Country ICB (Main Renal Units - Dudley and Wolverhampton)
- Coventry and Warwickshire ICB (Main Renal Unit - Coventry)
- Derby and Derbyshire ICB (Main Renal Unit - Derby)
- Hereford and Worcester ICB (Main Renal Unit - Birmingham)
- Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland ICB (Main Renal Unit - Leicester)
- Lincolnshire ICB (Main Renal Unit - Leicester)
- Northamptonshire ICB (Main Renal Unit - Leicester)
- Nottingham and Nottinghamshire ICB (Main Renal Unit - Nottingham)
- Shrewsbury, Telford and Wrekin ICB (Main Renal Unit - Shrewsbury)
- Staffordshire and Stoke on Trent ICB (Main Renal Unit - Stoke)

The Midlands Kidney Network also work with two Paediatric Renal Units at Birmingham Children's Hospital and Nottingham Children's Hospital.

3. Trusts in the Network:

Can you confirm which NHS Trusts are part of this renal network?

- Birmingham and Solihull ICB (Main Renal Unit – UHB and BCH)
 - University Hospitals Birmingham NHS Foundation Trust
 - Birmingham Children’s Hospital
- Black Country ICB (Main Renal Units - Dudley and Wolverhampton)
 - The Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust
 - The Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust
 - Sandwell and West Birmingham Hospitals NHS Trust
 - Walsall Healthcare NHS Trust
- Coventry and Warwickshire ICB (Main Renal Unit - Coventry)
 - George Eliot Hospital NHS Trust
 - South Warwickshire NHS Foundation Trust
 - University Hospitals Coventry and Warwickshire NHS Trust
- Derby and Derbyshire ICB (Main Renal Unit - Derby)
 - University Hospitals of Derby and Burton NHS Foundation Trust
- Hereford and Worcester ICB (Main Renal Unit - Birmingham)
 - Worcestershire Acute Hospitals NHS Trust
 - Wye Valley NHS Trust
- Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland ICB (Main Renal Unit - Leicester)
 - University Hospitals of Leicester NHS Trust
- Lincolnshire ICB (Main Renal Unit - Leicester)
 - United Lincolnshire Hospitals NHS Trust
- Northamptonshire ICB (Main Renal Unit - Leicester)
 - Kettering General Hospital NHS Trust
 - Northampton General Hospital NHS Trust
- Nottingham and Nottinghamshire ICB (Main Renal Unit - Nottingham)
 - Nottingham University Hospital NHS Trust
 - Nottinghamshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust
 - Sherwood Forest Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
- Shrewsbury, Telford and Wrekin ICB (Main Renal Unit - Shrewsbury)
 - Shrewsbury and Telford Hospital NHS Trust
- Staffordshire and Stoke on Trent ICB (Main Renal Unit - Stoke)
 - University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust

4. Responsible Personnel:

Please provide the names and/or roles of the responsible individuals for leading or coordinating the renal network within your ICB or region. For each responsible person, can you provide their therapy area speciality.

The responsible individuals for leading the Midlands Kidney Network (MKN) are:

- Professor Mark Lambie – Clinical Chair of the Network, Consultant Nephrologist;
- Mrs Marie Atkins – Network Manager for the MKN.

The MKN also has two Chairs that oversee the Midlands Kidney Network via NHS Midlands and Specialised Commissioning that oversee the network.

5. Clinical Scope and Function:

What clinical services or pathways does the Renal Network oversee or support (e.g., integrated care for patients with diabetes and CKD, heart failure management, etc.)?

The MKN works to the national renal network service specification (see attached).

6. Performance and Metrics:

What metrics are used to assess the performance of the renal network? (e.g., dialysis occupancy, transplant access, CKD progression rates, patient experience indicators).

- Please provide any service specifications relevant to the network

The MKN has a BI Portal Dashboard that contains data on relevant metrics and KPIs for the network and adheres to the renal network service specification (see attached).

7. Available Performance Data:

Please provide any available performance data or reports relating to the renal network's activities or outcomes.

The BI Portal Dashboard can be accessed via this link - [Renal Network Dashboard](#).

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.

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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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