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Dear Requestor

Re: Freedom of Information Request

Thank you for your request for information, received on 25 November 2025, regarding NHS England-commissioned regional gender service for children and young people. 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 not hold the information requested.

Details of your request:

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I request the following aggregated, non-identifiable, centrally held information relating to your NHS England-commissioned Regional Gender Service for Children and Young People, covering the period 1 April 2023 to the most recent date available in 2025.

This request is limited to finalised, centrally extracted reports, datasets, returns, summaries, and activity data already generated for NHS England.

It does not request any individual case files, emails, or patient-identifiable information.

1. Referral and Assessment Activity (Aggregated)

For each financial quarter and/or financial year since launch, please provide:

- Total number of referrals received
- Total number accepted for assessment
- Total number declined
- Total number currently on waiting list
- Median and mean waiting times (if held in finalised form)

2. Clinical Pathway Outcomes

Please provide, for each year 2023–2025:

- Number of young people who completed a psychosocial assessment
- Number referred onward for Endocrine assessment
- Number referred onward to CAMHS or other services
- Number recorded as withdrawn or did not engage

3. Puberty Blocker Prescribing (Aggregated Only)

For each financial year since 2023:

- Number of under-18s referred for puberty blocker consideration
- Number approved
- Number prescribed puberty blockers
- Drug type (e.g., Triptorelin / GnRH analogue) — aggregated only
- Age range (minimum, maximum, median)

If your hub has not prescribed any puberty blockers since opening, please confirm this explicitly.

4. Safety, Governance, and Risk Summaries

Please provide any finalised documents, created or submitted since 2023, that summarise:

- Clinical risk or safeguarding themes (aggregated)
- Adverse-event summaries (not individual reports)
- Escalation themes
- Internal governance or assurance summaries
- Any periodic safety or risk reviews submitted to NHS England

Drafts, email chains, and raw safeguarding files are *not* requested.

Redacted versions are acceptable.

5. Service Capacity and Workforce

Please provide, for each year 2023–2025:

- Total commissioned workforce (WTE) for the hub
- Number of psychologists
- Number of psychiatrists
- Number of paediatric endocrine staff
- Number of administration / support staff
- Any NHS England-mandated staffing minimums you are required to meet

This data is routinely collated for NHSE.

6. Cass Review Implementation

Please provide:

- Any finalised documents summarising how your hub has implemented Cass Review recommendations
- Any finalised instructions received from NHS England regarding puberty blocker policy changes, assessment processes, or clinical thresholds
- Any finalised local clinical protocols used by the hub

Draft documents are *not* requested.

7. Data Transfer & GIDS Legacy Records

Please provide:

- Any summaries or documents that describe the data/assets transferred from GIDS to your hub
- Any “data inventory”, “handover note”, or “service transition” summary held by your Trust

No individual patient files requested.

8. Data Availability

Please confirm:

- Whether your hub maintains a centralised dataset for activity and prescribing
- The earliest date from which complete data is available
- Whether your hub submits regular reporting to NHS England
- Whether your hub collects outcome measures (no details required)

Exclusions (to avoid exemptions)

This FOI does not request:

- emails
- drafts
- internal opinions
- clinical records
- identifiable safeguarding information
- anything requiring the creation of new information

Our response to your request:

The ICB does not hold this information.

You may wish to contact Nottinghamshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust to request this and how to submit a Freedom of Information request is provided at this link to their website - <https://www.nottinghamshirehealthcare.nhs.uk/c-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 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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