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Dear Requestor

**Re: Freedom of Information Request**

Thank you for your request for information, received on 3 December 2025, regarding IP Pathfinder Programme. 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.

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

1. How many pharmacy pathfinder programmes does the ICB have? Please can you answer this as a number and also list the **clinical area of focus** for each pathfinder programme and the **names of the pharmacists taking part and/or the business names and addresses of the pharmacies** taking part.

The information regarding the Community Pharmacy IP site locations and the clinical areas are on the Nottingham and Nottinghamshire ICB website [Community pharmacy - NHS Nottingham and Nottinghamshire ICB](#).

2. Have you measured the outcomes/successes of the programme so far across the ICB? If so, please share what these outcomes were and what metrics were used.

There has been a patient survey of 30 respondents. Approximately 97% of the respondents rated the service as 5 out of 5, and approximately 3% gave a rating of 3 out of 5. 80% of the respondents answered that they were most likely to use the service again.

3. How much money in total will you have paid into the pharmacy pathfinder programme since it started to the end date on 31 December 2025? Please break it down by months if possible.

Funding until 31 December 2025 is from NHS England and if you wish to request this information, how to submit a Freedom of Information request can be found on their website link - [NHS England » Freedom of Information Act and Environmental Information Regulations](#).

4. The funding comes to an end on 31 Dec 2025; however NHS England is consulting with the pharmacy negotiator on a national service from April 2026 ([our coverage here](#)). Will the ICB fund the service between Jan 2016 and end of March 2026?

The ICB will be funding the service between January 2026 and March 2026.

5. Please state how much funding will be allocated to the programme each month between January and March and indicate the difference between current funding and this figure. If at a reduced level, please can you quantify this as a percentage of the current funding level.

The payment model will be based on numbers of consultations rather than sessions, so it is not possible to compare percentage amounts.

6. Why are you stopping or continuing funding for the pharmacy pathfinder programmes?

The continuation is based on helping with access for on-the-day illness during the winter period and to provide possible venues. Community pharmacists are required a Designated Prescribing Practitioner to complete the independent prescribing qualification requirements.

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Yours sincerely

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