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Dear Requestor

Re: Freedom of Information Request

Thank you for your request for information, received on 9 December 2025, regarding 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 partially hold the information requested.

Please find below our response to your request:

Section 1: Information about completing this FOI request

- Who has contributed to this FOI response? Please provide job titles, not names.
Assistant Director for Children, Young People and Maternity; and
Place Partnership Director.

Section 2: Information about children and young people

- Do you have an Executive Lead for Children and Young People (0-25)? [Y/N].
 - If yes, what is their name and email address?
Yes, Rosa Waddingham - Executive Director for Quality - who can be contacted via the ICB's Contact Us Page - [General Enquiries - NHS Nottingham and Nottinghamshire ICB](#).
- Please can you share your ICB's plans or strategies relating to children and young people?
The ICB has various plans and strategies including the Joint Forward Plan found here: [NHS Joint Forward Plan - NHS Nottingham and Nottinghamshire ICS - NHS Nottingham and Nottinghamshire ICS](#) - which contains the ICB's intentions regarding commissioning for children and young people, alongside other strategies to which we are party with broader system partners such as the SEND Strategy and the SEND Joint commissioning Strategy - both found here: [Nottinghamshire local area SEND strategy \(2024 to 2027\) | Nottinghamshire County Council](#).
 - Within these plans or strategies, please can you highlight where therapeutic play (sometimes referred to as health play) or play is featured?
These plans and strategies do not contain that level of operational detail.

- Do you have any guidance/policies on how play should be delivered in the healthcare settings in your ICB? [Y/N]

No, as the ICB does not deliver healthcare services. This query may be more appropriately directed to our Provider Trusts:

- 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/>
 - Nottinghamshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust - <https://www.nottinghamshirehealthcare.nhs.uk/c-freedom-of-information>.
- If yes, please share it with us if you can.
Not applicable.

Section 3: Information about play budgets

- Does your ICB have an annual budget/fund specifically for play in healthcare? [Y/N]

No, this would be an operational consideration that our providers would oversee.

- If yes:
 - How much was this budget/fund in FY24-25 (from 1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025)?
 - What percentage/proportion of funding in paediatric services was allocated to play services in FY24-25 (from 1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025)?
Not applicable.

Section 4: Information about the Play Well Toolkit

- Has your ICB adopted or committed to adopt the Play Well guidelines (NHS England, 2025) in your commissioning of paediatric services? [Y/N]

No.

- If not, please say why not.
This is recent guidance and will be considered for future commissioning decisions as appropriate.

- Does your ICB follow the NICE guideline on Babies, children and young people's experience of healthcare (NICE, 2021)? [Y/N]

Yes. The ICB commissions services with due consideration to all relevant NICE guidelines.

- If yes, what measures has your ICB put in place to implement that part of NICE's guidance specifically on play in healthcare? [Y/N]
The ICB's Providers implement these measures.

Section 5: Information about measurement tools for 0-17 year olds

- Do any of the non-mental healthcare settings in your ICB collect any data on children and young people's mental health? [Y/N]. If yes, please share the measurement tools if you can.

The ICB does not collect data. This query is more appropriately directed to our Providers.

- Do any of these data relate to mental health indicators arising from patients' healthcare experiences? [Y/N]

Not applicable.

Section 6: Information about your ICB's Neighbourhood Health Service

- Does your ICB's Neighbourhood Health and Care Model feature or mention play in healthcare? [Y/N]. If yes, please share where it is featured if you can.

No.

- Does your ICB host any of the Neighbourhood Health Service pilot areas? [Y/N]

The ICB does host a pioneer site as part of the National Neighbourhood Health Implementation Programme.

- If yes, how many?

One.

- If yes, do these pilot areas include children and young people's multi-disciplinary teams? [Y/N]

No, the ICB's initial focus for the pioneer programme is older complex adults.

- If yes, do these children and young people's multi-disciplinary teams include health play professionals (e.g., community health play specialists)? [Y/N]

Not applicable.

- If yes, within these pilot areas, does the integration with wider services include the involvement of any play services or projects? [Y/N]

Not applicable.

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Yours sincerely

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