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Dear Requestor

**Re: Freedom of Information Request**

Thank you for your request for information, received on 29 December 2025, regarding the local rollout and implementation of the Federated Data Platform (FDP), provided by Palantir Technologies.

the use of Palantir's Federated Data Platform (FDP). 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. However, please note that some of the information you requested has been withheld. Under the FOIA, certain exemptions may apply to protect sensitive information.

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

1. Is the ICB already using the FDP? If the ICB isn't already using the FDP can you please provide me with a specific rollout date? If there is one.

NHS Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Integrated Care Board (ICB) is currently using elements of the Federated Data Platform. Further functionality continues to be developed and configured locally in line with national guidance; however, the ICB does not hold a single defined future rollout date for additional elements beyond those already in use.

2. It has been widely reported that there have been hidden and unbudgeted for costs to implementing the FDP at local and national levels. What is the projected and locally budgeted for cost of the rollout and implementation of the FDP that hasn't already been provided for by NHSE national funding from the initial FDP contract? This might include, but is not limited to, extra training costs, staff costs, consultancy workers, hardware, software, licenses, or other IT related costs.

The ICB does not hold recorded information setting out any additional locally budgeted or projected costs for FDP rollout or implementation beyond national NHS England funding arrangements. While some training has been provided, no additional discrete costs have been formally recorded or locally budgeted in relation to FDP implementation. Under section 1(1)(a) of the Freedom of Information Act, we can only provide information that is held at the time of the request.

3. What FDP instances/apps/products are currently in use and what are planning to be rollout out?

The ICB holds high-level information confirming that FDP functionality is in use. However, detailed records specifying individual FDP instances, applications or future rollout plans are not held. Work is ongoing nationally to determine future use cases, and no formalised list of planned instances is currently held.

4. Please can you release all documents, emails, meeting minutes, attachments and other communications relevant to the FDP rollout within the trust.

NHS Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Integrated Care Board (ICB) is not an NHS Trust. As a statutory commissioning organisation, the ICB does not operate the same service delivery or operational governance structures as NHS Trusts. Matters such as national digital platforms are not considered through dedicated implementation committees, and as a result the ICB does not hold a discrete or centrally recorded set of formal governance committee papers or minutes specifically relating to an 'FDP rollout'.

While there have been a significant volume of informal discussions and information governance-related communications concerning the Federated Data Platform (FDP), these form part of routine operational activity and include a wide range of correspondence.

An initial trawl of a single staff mailbox covering one calendar month indicates that even a small sample contains a substantial volume of routine communications, the majority of which do not relate to formal decision-making or rollout activity. This information is dispersed across multiple teams and individual staff mailboxes and is not held as a single, defined body of information relating specifically to FDP rollout. As currently framed, this part of your request is therefore too broad to enable the ICB to reasonably identify and locate the information sought.

In line with our duty to advise and assist under section 16 of the Freedom of Information Act, we would be happy to help you refine this request. To enable a proportionate and targeted search, you may wish to narrow the scope by:

- limiting the timeframe to no more than one calendar month; and
- specifying a particular focus or topic area (for example, information governance decision-making, technical queries, or formal use of FDP functionality).

or by:

- identifying specific document types (for example, Data Protection Impact Assessments or MOU).

Once clarified, we will be able to confirm whether the ICB holds relevant information and respond accordingly.

5. Has the ICB asked its legal advisor if it's legally required to take up the software?

No, the ICB has not sought legal advice on whether it is legally required to take up the FDP software.

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/>.

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Yours sincerely

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