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Dear Requestor

Re: Freedom of Information Request

Thank you for your request for information, received on 12 January 2026, regarding virtual ward spend. 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:

The request relates to the spend on virtual wards as defined in the virtual wards operational framework published by NHS England in August 2024.

1. Please provide an approximate figure (to the nearest 10%) of the amount:

a) spent in financial year 2024/25

The ICB spent approximately £3.67 million on virtual wards in financial year 2024/25, representing 100% of the budget allocated to the service.

b) budgeted to be spent in financial year 2025/26 on virtual ward services within your ICB

The ICB has budgeted to spend approximately £3.73 million on virtual wards in financial year 2025/26, representing 100% of the budget allocated to the service.

2. Please provide the approximate annual value of contracts for these services with independent sector or third sector providers (rather than NHS providers).

The ICB has not commissioned any virtual ward services from independent sector or third sector providers. Accordingly, there is no associated contract spend with such providers.

3. Please list independent or third sector providers whose estimated annual contract value exceeds £100,000 in any year 2024/25 to 2026/27. *NB: we are not seeking commercially sensitive information such as the spend with specific providers.*

The ICB has not commissioned any virtual ward services from independent sector or third sector providers in the period 2024/25 to 2026/27. Therefore, there are no providers to list in response to this question.

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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Complaints to the Information Commissioner's Office should be sent to:

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

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