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Dear Requestor

Re: Freedom of Information Request

Thank you for your request for information, received on 20 January 2026, regarding the approved Project Initiation Document (PID) for Gamston Medical Centre Extension. 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. However, please note that some of the information you requested has been withheld. Under the FOIA, certain exemptions may apply to protect sensitive and/or confidential information.

Details of your request:

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I request the disclosure of the following documentation regarding the primary care estate expansion in Rushcliffe:

1. **Project Initiation Document (PID):** I request a copy of the final, approved Project Initiation Document (PID) or the equivalent primary planning/proposal document regarding the building extension at Gamston Medical Centre.

NHS Nottingham and Nottinghamshire ICB holds the information you have requested. However, the ICB is unable to disclose the PID in full as it is exempt from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 for the reasons set out below.

Section 40(2) – Personal data (absolute exemption)

The PID contains personal data relating to identifiable individuals, including names, signatures, job roles, and contact details of staff. Disclosure of this information would contravene UK GDPR and the Data Protection Act 2018. Section 40(2) is an absolute exemption and is not subject to a public interest test.

Section 43(2) – Commercial interests (qualified exemption)

The PID contains commercially sensitive information including costings, funding envelopes, procurement and contractual strategies, and other financial information specific to the originating practice. Disclosure would be likely to prejudice the commercial interests of the ICB, the practice, and contractors, by affecting future procurement and negotiation processes.

Public interest test

We have considered the public interest in disclosure, including the importance of transparency and accountability in NHS estate development. However, this is outweighed by the strong public interest in:

- Protecting fair and effective competition in procurement;
- Securing best value for money for the NHS; and
- Maintaining the confidentiality of information provided by practices.

Section 31(1)(a) – Law enforcement / security (qualified exemption)

The PID contains security-sensitive information, including technical and building layout details. Disclosure could increase the risk of criminal activity or compromise the safety of staff, patients, and assets.

Public interest test

While there is a public interest in openness regarding NHS estate developments, this is outweighed by the need to protect building security, staff, and patients.

Why a redacted version cannot be provided

Due to the nature of the PID, the exemptions above apply throughout the document. Redacting sensitive commercial, financial, personal, and security information would remove almost all substantive content, resulting in a document with no practical value or public benefit. For this reason, the PID is withheld in full.

Some information about the expansion is, however, available in the public domain. Key details regarding the scheme's purpose, timing, and anticipated benefits can be found here:

<https://notts.icb.nhs.uk/2025/12/23/major-expansion-of-gamston-medical-centre-to-start-in-january/>

2. **Approval Records:** I request the minutes or decision logs from the relevant ICB committee (e.g., the Primary Care Commissioning Committee or Estates Committee) where the capital funding and project plan for the Gamston Medical Centre extension were formally approved.

Please see below the extract of the minutes of the ICB's Finance and Performance Committee meeting held on the 27 November 2024.

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Lynne Sharp was in attendance to present the item, and highlighted the following key points:

- The paper was seeking approval for the expansion of Gamston Medical Centre by building a two-storey extension providing six ground floor clinical rooms and a first-floor base for Primary Care Network (PCN) employed Additional Roles Reimbursement Scheme (ARRS) staff. This was in response to significant housing growth in Rushcliffe through the Local Plan 2011-2028.*
- The paper was taken as read and comments were invited.*

The following points were made in discussion:

- Members were supportive of the expansion and noted the importance of ensuring the Practice understood the impact on its financial position.*

- d) *It was confirmed that should a decision be taken in the future to stop funding for the ARRS posts, the additional space would be utilised by alternative clinical resource.*

The Committee approved the practice's request:

- to expand its clinical space by six clinical rooms.*
- for financial support to expand its premises under the NHS (General Medical Services - Premises Costs) Directions 2024 by way of an increase in reimbursable charges for increased business rates, water and clinical waste estimated at £9k per annum.*
- to utilise Section 106 contributions totalling up to £2.03million secured by Rushcliffe Borough Council from residential developers; and allocated by the council for the construction of the Gamston Medical Centre extension, which will be disregarded by the NHS for rent reimbursement for 18 years.*

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Yours sincerely

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