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Dear Requestor

Re: Freedom of Information Request

Thank you for your request for information, received on 9 February 2026, regarding rheumatology advice line. 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 not hold the information requested.

Our response to your request:

Following a review of our commissioning arrangements, we can confirm that the ICB does not commission rheumatology advice line or help line services from any acute trusts. As such, the specific information you have requested is not held by the ICB.

In line with section 1(1)(a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, we can, therefore, respond to your questions as follows:

1. How many acute trusts do you commission Rheumatology Help Line Services from? **None.**
2. Are Rheumatology Advice Lines commissioned as part of the Rheumatology contract? **No.**
3. How is the activity coded and paid? **Not applicable.**
4. Do you require any service line reports for activity and patient reported outcome/satisfaction? **No.**
5. If yes, which reports do you request? **Not applicable.**
6. Any other relevant information around commissioning of Rheumatology Advice Lines? **The ICB does not commission rheumatology advice line services. Where such services exist, they may be provided at the discretion of individual provider organisations as part of their internal service models.**

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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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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