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Dear Requestor

Re: Freedom of Information Request

Thank you for your request for information, received on 13 February 2026, regarding dentists. 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:

Please could you tell me, for each year since 2020 including 2025, for your ICB:

- How many dentists handed back their NHS contract?

During the period 2020 to 2025 (inclusive), a total of 10 dental practices terminated their NHS contracts. The annual breakdown is set out below:

Financial Year	Number of Contracts Terminated
2020/21	0
2021/22	4
2022/23	3
2023/24	0
2024/25	2
2025/26	1
Total	10

- How many NHS patients have been removed from dental practice lists

NHS Nottingham and Nottinghamshire ICB does not hold information relating to the number of NHS patients removed from dental practice lists.

Since the introduction of the 2006 NHS dental contract reforms, there has not been a formal system of patient registration within NHS dentistry. Unlike GP practices, NHS dental providers do not maintain a centrally held or defined list of registered patients. Patients can access care from any NHS dental practice with available capacity.

While individual dental practices may maintain their own internal records of patients they have previously treated, these do not constitute official NHS patient registrations and are not held centrally by the ICB.

NHS dental contracts are activity-based, meaning providers are commissioned to deliver an agreed level of dental activity rather than to provide care for a defined registered population.

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 Governance and Assurance 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.

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/>.

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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