Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Integrated Care Board

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Dear Requestor

Re: Freedom of Information Request

Thank you for your request for information, received on 11 March 2026, regarding how many patients have come forward to be tested for prostate cancer through a Digital Rectal Exam (DRE). 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.

Details of your request:

1. In the last year (March 2025-February 2026), how many patients have come forward to be tested for prostate cancer through a Digital Rectal Exam (DRE)?
2. Where data within the specified period is not available, please provide the last 12 months of available data.
3. If possible, please provide the age of patients coming forward.

Our response to your request:

NHS Nottingham and Nottinghamshire ICB is an NHS commissioning organisation and does not directly provide clinical services. As such, we do not routinely collect or hold patient-level activity data of this nature, including the number of individuals presenting for or receiving specific clinical examinations such as Digital Rectal Examinations (DREs).

This information, where recorded, would be held by the organisations responsible for delivering care, such as GP practices or NHS provider trusts. You may, therefore, wish to contact relevant provider organisations directly for this information.

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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