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Dear Requestor

Re: Freedom of Information Request

Thank you for your request for information, received on 21 April 2026, regarding Equity Policy for NHS Continuing Healthcare (CHC). 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:

1. Equity Policy for CHC Funding

- Does your ICB have a formal equity policy, framework, or guidance document relating specifically to equity, equality, or reducing unwarranted variation in NHS Continuing Healthcare (CHC) funding decisions?

NHS Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Integrated Care Board does not hold a standalone equity policy specific to Continuing Healthcare (CHC) but does hold a 'Continuing Healthcare and Joint Packages of Care (Adults) Commissioning Policy'.

- If yes, please provide a copy of the policy or a link to where it is publicly available.

Please see link to the ICB's 'Continuing Healthcare and Joint Packages of Care (Adults) Commissioning Policy': [COM-005-Adult-CHC-and-JPC-Commissioning-Policy-v2.1.pdf](#).

2. Implementation and Use of the Equity Policy

- Can you indicate where and how this equity policy has been implemented within CHC processes (e.g., eligibility assessments, decision-making panels, resource allocation, personalised care planning, or appeals)?

The ICB's Continuing Healthcare and Joint Packages of Care (Adults) Commissioning Policy sets out how CHC is commissioned and aligns to the National Framework, including decision-making based on assessed need.

Processes described within the policy related to the use of the Decision Support Tool (DST), panel arrangements, and review/appeal processes.

- Please describe any specific pathways, procedures, or tools used to ensure equitable CHC decision-making.

In terms of what the organisation holds, the ICB has an Equality, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) Policy, which relates to the ICB's wider statutory equality duties rather than CHC-specific decision-making – see Link: [Equality Diversity and Inclusion Policy](#).

3. Impact on Commissioned Care Packages

- Has the equity policy influenced changes to commissioned care packages, particularly decisions where:
 - an individual's care package has been changed from home-based care to nursing home care, or
 - funding decisions have been reviewed due to equity considerations?
- If so, please provide any documentation, reports, or summaries covering 2025 and 2026 outlining these changes (with any necessary redactions to protect personal data).

The ICB does not hold documentation that records changes to packages on the basis of 'equity considerations'. Decisions are made based on assessed need in line with the policy.

4. Monitoring and Evaluation

- Does the ICB collect or review data on equity in CHC outcomes, such as demographic variation, location-based differences, or differences between home care vs. nursing home placements?
- If available, please provide the most recent evaluation, dataset, or summary report.

The ICB does not hold specific analysis or reports on equity in CHC outcomes.

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Yours sincerely

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