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Dear Requestor

Re: Freedom of Information Request

Thank you for your request for information, received on 22 April 2026, regarding hospice services for babies, children and young people with life-threatening conditions, life-shortening conditions or with severe medical complexity. 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. Please set out how much money your integrated care board and/or any predecessor integrated care boards it now represents spent on hospice care for babies, children and young people with life-threatening conditions, life-shortening conditions or with severe medical complexity between 6 April 2025 and 5 April 2026. Please provide a total, in addition to a breakdown of funding per children's hospice organisation.

£97,701 was spent on hospice services for children and young people. Please see breakdown below:

- Rainbows – 75,366
- Bluebell Wood – 22,335.

2. Please set out the arrangement through which this money was paid in 2025/26 – was this by block contract, standard contract, service level agreement, grant arrangement, spot purchases or other by means.

In 2025/2026 the money was paid to both Rainbows and Bluebell Wood via NHS standard contract.

3. Please set out how many babies, children and young people with life-threatening conditions, life-shortening conditions or with severe medical complexity who live in your integrated care board footprint and/or the footprint of any predecessor integrated care boards it now represents accessed hospice care between 6 April 2025 and 5 April 2026.

Nottingham and Nottinghamshire ICB does not hold this information.

4. Please set out how many babies, children and young people with life-threatening conditions, life-shortening conditions or with severe medical complexity who live in your integrated care board footprint could benefit from children's hospice care.

Nottingham and Nottinghamshire ICB does not hold this information.

5. Please set out how much money your integrated care board plans to spend on hospice care for babies, children and young people with life-threatening conditions, life-shortening conditions or with severe medical complexity between 6 April 2026 and 5 April 2027, excluding any funding it will distribute from the first-year allocation of the £80 million three-year funding commitment for children's hospices that NHS England has asked ICBs to pass on.

Nottingham and Nottinghamshire ICB does not hold this information in full for the specific period requested because the existing contracts span multiple financial years.

6. Please set out the arrangement through which this money will be paid in 2026/27 – by block contract, standard contract, service level agreement, grant arrangement, spot purchases or other by means.

It is planned that all arrangements for 2026/2027 will be paid via NHS Standard Contract.

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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