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Dear Requestor

**Re: Freedom of Information Request**

Thank you for your request for information, received on 6 May 2026, regarding Directed Enhanced Service (DES) Local Variations 2026/27. 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 hold the information requested.

**Details of your request:**

In relation to the variation to the Network Contract Directed Enhanced Service (DES) published on 30 April 2026 by NHS England, please could you confirm whether your Integrated Care Board intends to submit any requests for Local Variation Arrangements (DES LV) for 2026/27.

If applicable, I would also appreciate any available information on:

- Whether any such requests have already been submitted or are planned
- Which Primary Care Networks (PCNs), if any, are expected to be included
- The current status of any proposed Local Variation Arrangements

In addition, where requests have been submitted or are planned, I would be grateful if you could provide any available business logic or supporting guidance similar to QOF/DES specifications. In particular, this would include:

- The specific measure(s)
- The relevant patient cohort(s)
- Detailed business logic (in a QOF-like format), including:
  - Dataset specification
  - Patient/cohort selection criteria
  - Clinical (SNOMED) codes or code clusters
  - Indicator rules
- Reporting templates
- Funding allocation for each measure.

If this information is not yet finalised, I would be grateful for any indicative plans or discussions available.

## **Our response to your request:**

NHS Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Integrated Care Board has no plans to submit any requests for Local Variations, nor have any plans been submitted.

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Yours sincerely

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