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Dear Requestor

Re: Freedom of Information Request

Thank you for your request for information, received on 19 May 2026, and your clarification received on 4 June 2026, regarding NHS-commissioned neurodiversity services (ADHD and Autism).

We have processed your request in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

Under the FOIA, public authorities are required to respond to requests for recorded information that they hold. Having completed appropriate searches, Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Integrated Care Board (the ICB) can confirm that it partially holds the information requested. Where information is not held, this has been stated below. Where the cost of identifying, locating, retrieving and extracting information would exceed the appropriate limit set under the FOIA, Section 12(1) of the FOIA has been applied.

Please find below our response to your request:

1. Please provide your total annual spend (for each of the last three financial years, FY23/24, FY24/25, FY25/FY26) on ADHD and Autism assessments, broken down by:
 - a. Total annual spend by third party private provider*

Commissioned Services:

The ICB does not hold the information requested for the financial years specified.

Neurodevelopmental assessment and treatment services are commissioned through block contracts with NHS provider organisations. These contracts cover the wider service provision and expenditure is not separately attributed to individual elements of the service, such as ADHD assessments, Autism assessments, medication initiation/titration or post-diagnostic support.

The ICB therefore does not hold a recorded breakdown of expenditure specifically relating to neurodevelopmental assessments.

Non-Commissioned Right To Choose Providers:

The ICB holds information relating to payments made to independent providers through Right to Choose arrangements. However, the ICB does not hold a readily available breakdown of expenditure relating specifically to assessments only.

To provide the information requested would require a manual review of invoices and supporting information to identify assessment costs separately from other elements of care, such as follow-up appointments and medication.

For example, during 2025/26, approximately 5,000 invoice lines would require review. At an estimated 20 seconds per line, this would require approximately 28 hours of staff time. Extending this exercise across the three financial years requested would require in excess of 83 hours.

The FOIA appropriate cost limit for the ICB is £450, equivalent to 18 hours of work at the prescribed rate of £25 per hour. The costs that may be taken into account when estimating the cost of compliance include:

- Determining whether the information is held.
- Locating the information, or documents which may contain the information.
- Retrieving the information, or documents which may contain the information.
- Extracting the information from documents containing it.

As the estimated cost of complying with this part of the request exceeds the appropriate limit, Section 12(1) of the FOIA applies.

- b. For each third party private provider, total annual spend by assessment type (ADHD / Autism)

The ICB does not hold this information in a separately recorded format.

Please refer to the response provided under question 1a.

2. Please provide your total number of patients (for each of the last three financial years, FY23/24, FY24/25, FY25/FY26) on ADHD and Autism assessments, broken down by:

- a. Total number of patients assessed by third party private provider*

Commissioned Services:

The ICB does not currently hold this information for the financial years requested.

The relevant data is subject to an ongoing data quality and cleansing exercise. The aim is for this work to be completed by the end of quarter two of the 2026/27 financial year, after which the information may become available.

The information held by the ICB for community paediatric services (up to 18 years) is provided below:

Total number of patients assessed	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26
Doncaster and Bassetlaw Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust Community Paediatric Service (up to 18 years): Number of completed Autism and ADHD assessments	110	184	186
Nottingham University Hospitals NHS Trust Community Paediatric Service (up to 18 years): Number of completed Autism and ADHD assessments **Please note the ICB does not hold this data for 2025/26. You may wish to contact the provider directly via the link below https://www.nuh.nhs.uk/freedom-of-information/	1274	1416	**
Sherwood Forest Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust Community Paediatric Service (up to 18 years): Number of completed Autism and ADHD assessments	886	942	1006

Non-Commissioned Right To Choose Providers:

The ICB does not hold this information in the format requested.

To identify and extract the number of patients assessed by individual Right to Choose providers would require a manual review of invoice information and supporting data to identify individual patient activity.

As explained under Question 1a, this would exceed the appropriate cost limit under Section 12(1) of the FOIA.

- b. For each third party private provider, total number of patients assessed by assessment type (ADHD / Autism)

Commissioned Services:

Nottinghamshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust Neurodevelopmental Specialist Service (18 years and over). The ICB does not hold this information for the financial years requested. The data is not currently available due to an ongoing data cleansing exercise. *The aim is by end of quarter two - (a month after quarter two of this financial year the data cleansing exercise will be completed, and the information will be available at that point).*

Total number of patients assessed	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26
Doncaster and Bassetlaw Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust Community Paediatric Service (up to 18 years):			
Number of completed Autism assessments	77	121	114
Number of completed ADHD assessments	33	63	72
Nottingham University Hospitals NHS Trust Community Paediatric Service (up to 18 years):			
Number of completed Autism assessments	811	840	**
Number of completed ADHD assessments	463	576	**
**Please note the ICB does not hold this data for 2025/26. You may wish to contact the provider directly via the link below https://www.nuh.nhs.uk/freedom-of-information/			
Sherwood Forest Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust Community Paediatric Service (up to 18 years):			
Number of completed Autism assessments	526	527	553
Number of completed ADHD assessments	360	415	453

Right To Choose Providers:

The ICB does not hold this information for the financial years requested.

The ICB is aware of a number of Right to Choose providers operating within its population footprint; however, the information is not held in a format that identifies the number of patients assessed by each provider or separates activity by assessment type.

To provide this information would require the manual review and extraction exercise described under question 1a. As this would exceed the appropriate cost limit, Section 12(1) of the FOIA applies.

A list of Right to Choose providers known to the ICB is contained within the attached Appendix 1.

3. For each third party private provider, please indicate the contract type (block / activity-based), start date and end date.

Not applicable. Nottingham and Nottinghamshire ICB does not currently hold contracts with private providers for the delivery of neurodevelopmental assessment services.

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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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