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Dear Requestor

Re: Freedom of Information Request

Thank you for your request for information, received on 29 May 2026, regarding respiratory service plans. We have considered 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 within 20 working days.

In response to your request, I can confirm that the ICB holds information relevant to your request. Please find our response below.

Please find below our response to your request:

1. Your ICB's current and future plans or strategies relating to:
 - Asthma services
 - COPD services
 - Spirometry diagnostics
 - Sleep services

Respiratory is recognised as a top cause for years of life lost to death and disability across the Derbyshire, Lincolnshire, Nottinghamshire (DLN) Cluster of ICBs, and as a result is a priority focus as part of the 5-year strategic commissioning plan, see link: [Five-Year Strategic Commissioning Plan - NHS Nottingham and Nottinghamshire ICB](#). More specifically, this means focus on:

- Reducing 90-day emergency readmissions;
- Enabling community-based specialist clinics to avoid unnecessary hospital visits;
- Development of a multi-disciplinary team approach outside hospital in integrated neighbourhood teams in order to scale, integrate and optimise expertise for current and future patients; and
- Maximise prescribing efficiency through a programme of medicines optimisation for biosimilars and changes to NICE guidance.

The ICB recognises spirometry as an area of limited workforce capacity and long waits not meeting demand sufficiently, and as part of an ongoing innovation pilot we have enabled an additional NHS provider to become accredited by the Association for Respiratory Technology and Physiology (ARTP) to be a trainer of spirometry to support increased training places for primary care and specialist nurses across the system.

2. Any planned transformation, expansion, procurement, community diagnostic centre (CDC), or pathway redesign initiatives relating to these services over the next 12–24 months.

In relation to both the Broad Marsh and Mansfield Community Diagnostic Centres, both will have additional spirometry and multi-channel home recording sleep studies. Both are developing breathlessness and diagnosis of asthma in children pathways, and will provide significant expansion of diagnostic capacity.

The system is piloting an innovative community respiratory service aligned to developing integrated neighbourhood teams (INT) in Mid Nottinghamshire with evaluation during 2026/27 to inform replicability into other areas and service redesign opportunities. Further, as part of NICE TA award, the ICB is enabling medicines management optimisation of COPD Biologics and other drug regimes to reduce exacerbation and improve patient outcomes.

3. The names, job titles, and contact details (where permissible) of the current clinical, operational, innovation and digital transformation leads responsible for respiratory services and delivery of these initiatives within your ICB.

The ICB does not have a single individual responsible for all aspects of respiratory service delivery, transformation, innovation and digital development. Respiratory work is delivered through a system-wide approach involving ICB colleagues, provider organisations, clinical representatives, patient representatives and other stakeholders.

Within the ICB, the relevant roles involved in respiratory commissioning and transformation include:

- Clinical Lead for Respiratory;
- Executive Director of Commissioning; and
- Senior Commissioning and Transformation Manager.

The ICB does not routinely publish direct contact details for individual members of staff. Personal contact details are exempt from disclosure under Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, as disclosure would constitute the release of personal data where there would be no reasonable expectation of this information being made publicly available.

Correspondence relating to respiratory services can be directed through the ICB's published contact routes on the Website - [Contact Us - NHS Nottingham and Nottinghamshire ICB](#).

4. Details of any priority objectives, targets, or programmes linked to respiratory health improvement and diagnostics.

Respiratory care is identified as a priority area within the ICB's Five-Year Strategic Commissioning Plan. The plan seeks to support national policy objectives while addressing local population health needs.

The strategic approach is underpinned by financial sustainability and includes a shift:

- From sickness to prevention - supporting people to remain well for longer;
- From hospital to community - supporting delivery of care closer to home; and
- From analogue to digital - supporting simple and inclusive digital solutions.

The ICB has identified a number of respiratory-related challenges across the wider DLN Cluster, including:

- Long waits for access to services;
- Variation in access to primary and community care;
- Performance challenges within urgent and emergency care;
- Ongoing challenges relating to diagnostic capacity; and
- Variation in service provision and performance across Derbyshire, Lincolnshire and Nottinghamshire.

The information provided above represents the information held by the ICB within the scope of your request.

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Yours sincerely

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