Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Integrated Care Board

10/07/2026

NN-ICB/26-1664

Dear Requestor

Re: Freedom of Information Request

Thank you for your request for information received on 17 June 2026, regarding female sterilisation procedures. Your request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

Under the FOIA, NHS Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Integrated Care Board (ICB) is required to provide recorded information held by the organisation at the time of the request.

Please note that NHS Nottingham and Nottinghamshire ICB was formally established on 1 July 2022. Information relating to periods prior to this date relates to predecessor Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) commissioning arrangements covering the same Nottingham and Nottinghamshire commissioning footprint.

In responding to your request, we have interpreted 'years' as financial years, as this is the basis on which the data is routinely recorded.

Please find below our response to your request:

1. Does your ICB routinely commission and fund female sterilisation procedures?

   Yes, Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Integrated Care Board does routinely commission and fund female sterilisation procedures.

2. If so, for each of the last five calendar years in which information is available, please provide:

   a) The total number of female sterilisation procedures performed by the ICB:

      2025/2026 - 352

      2024/2025 - 295

      2023/2024 - 128

      2022/2023 - 188

      2021/2022* - 176

      *Please note that NHS Nottingham and Nottinghamshire ICB was established on 1 July 2022. Figures for 2021/22 and part of 2022/23 relate to predecessor CCG commissioning arrangements covering the Nottingham and Nottinghamshire commissioning footprint.

   b) The total number of female sterilisation requests that were rejected by the ICB:

      2025/2026 - 18

      2024/2025 - 30

      2023/2024 - 57

2022/2023 - 98

2021/2022* - 99

*As above, earlier year data relates to predecessor CCG commissioning arrangements.

c) Where available, a breakdown of recorded reasons for refusal:

2025/2026 - 18 did not meet criteria

2024/2025 - 30 did not meet criteria

2023/2024 - 57 did not meet criteria

2022/2023 - 98 did not meet criteria

2021/2022* - 99 did not meet criteria

*As above, earlier year data relates to predecessor CCG commissioning arrangements.

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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