Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Integrated Care Board

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Dear Requestor

Re: Freedom of Information Request

Thank you for your request for information, received on 18 June 2026, regarding patients with prolonged disorders of consciousness (PDOC). 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 not hold the information requested.

Details of your request:

Please provide the following information:

1. Current patients with prolonged disorders of consciousness (PDOC)

For the most recent date for which you hold data, please state the number of patients currently under your care (in NHS facilities or commissioned placements) who are recorded as being in:

- a coma
- a vegetative state (VS)
- a minimally conscious state (MCS)
- any other category of prolonged disorder of consciousness, if recorded

If you do not record these categories separately, please provide whatever equivalent classification you use.

2. Duration of condition

For each of the patients counted above, please provide (in aggregated form):

- how many have been in that state for:
    - 0–6 months
    - 6–12 months
    - 1–5 years
    - 5–10 years
    - more than 10 years

If you use different duration bands, please provide your own.

3. Care setting

Please provide the number of these patients who are:

- cared for within your own NHS facilities
- cared for in commissioned external placements (e.g., private neurorehabilitation or long-term care providers)

Our response to your request:

The ICB does not hold the information requested, as the ICB does not provide direct clinical care or have patients under its own services. The ICB does not hold clinical records relating to prolonged disorders of consciousness (including coma, vegetative state or minimally conscious state), and also does not hold data on duration of condition or care setting in the format requested.

Patient-level detail resides with the direct care providers rather than the Integrated Care Board. Therefore, under Section 1 of the FOI Act, the information is not held.

You may wish to contact individual providers, and how to submit a Freedom of Information request to each provider can be found on their website links below:

- Nottingham University Hospitals NHS Trust - https://www.nuh.nhs.uk/freedom-of-information
- Sherwood Forest Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust - Freedom of Information | Sherwood Forest Hospitals
- Doncaster and Bassetlaw Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust - https://www.dbth.nhs.uk/contact/freedom-of-information/
- Nottinghamshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust - https://www.nottinghamshirehealthcare.nhs.uk/c-freedom-of-information.

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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