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 29 June 2026, regarding long-term prescribing data for Medroxyprogesterone Acetate (Depo-Provera). 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.

Please find below our response to your request:

Please provide the following anonymised statistical data regarding the prescription of the contraceptive injection **Depo-Provera (medroxyprogesterone acetate)** within your health authority.

1. **Current Patient Volume:** The total number of unique patients currently prescribed medroxyprogesterone acetate injections under your care as of the most recent data available.

   Nottingham and Nottinghamshire ICB does not hold this information as it is not centrally recorded by the ICB, and we do not hold a dataset which would allow the information to be extracted.

2. **Duration of Treatment:** If centrally recorded or accessible via automated data extraction tools, a breakdown of these unique patients by the duration of continuous treatment, specifically:

   a) Patients on the treatment for under 2 years

   b) Patients on the treatment for between 2 and 5 years

   c) Patients on the treatment for between 5 and 10 years

   d) Patients on the treatment for over 10 years

   The ICB does not hold this information. Please see response to Question 1.

3. **Historic Patient Volume:** The total number of unique patients prescribed medroxyprogesterone acetate injections under your care in from 1st Jan 2020 to most recent date available in 2026.

   The ICB does not hold this information. Please see response to Question 1.

4. **Duration of Treatment:** If centrally recorded or accessible via automated data extraction tools, a breakdown of these historic (as defined in point 3) unique patients by the duration of continuous treatment, specifically:

   a) Patients on the treatment for under 2 years

   b) Patients on the treatment for between 2 and 5 years

   c) Patients on the treatment for between 5 and 10 years

d) Patients on the treatment for over 10 years

The ICB does not hold this information. Please see response to Question 1.

5. **Adverse Event Logging:** The total number of recorded adverse event reports, Yellow Card alerts, or formal patient complaints received by your health authority regarding this medication over the last five years (2021–2026).

   The ICB does not hold any recorded information relating to adverse event reports, Yellow Card alerts, or formal patient complaints regarding medroxyprogesterone acetate within the scope of your request.

   Whilst the ICB does not hold the information requested, you may find the following publicly available sources useful:

   - https://opendata.nhsbsa.net/
   - https://openprescribing.net/ - (refer to the 'analyse' page for prescribing volume and trends)

   These resources contain national prescribing information and may assist you in obtaining prescribing volumes and trends.

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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