



Lincolnshire
Integrated Care Board

Lincolnshire Integrated Care Board

Bridge House
The Point
Lions Way
Sleaford
NG34 8GG

Tel: 01522 573939
Email: licb.office@nhs.net

02 January 2024

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – DECISION NOTICE

Dear Requester

FOI Reference Number: 72122

I refer to your email of 08 December 2023 requesting information in relation to GP Practice list closures.

I can confirm on behalf of NHS Lincolnshire Integrated Care Board (ICB) and in accordance with S.1 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) that we do hold the information that you have requested. A response to each element of your request is detailed below.

I would be extremely grateful if you were able to share with me the following information about GP Practices in your ICB/ICS, a GP Practice being any GP Practice holding a GMS, PMS or APMS contract:

Practice list closures (not accepting new patients)

Please may you provide a list of GP practices that have formally requested to close their patient list (not accepting any new patients) over the last 12 months.

There are no practices that have formally requested to close their patient list in the last 12 months.

Can you provide a list of GP practices which currently have their lists which are closed (not accepting any new patients).

There are no practices that currently have their list closed.

GP Practice closures (the practice has closed completely)

Please may you provide a list of GP practices which have closed within the last 12 months along with:

- **Date of practice closure/cessation of GMS/PMS/APMS contract**
Spalding GP Surgery is the only practice in Lincolnshire to have closed in the last 12 month. Closed in February 2023

- **Reason for practice closure (ie contractors handing back contract, CQC enforcement action, merging with another practice etc...)**
The provider (Lincolnshire Community Health Service Trust) did not want to renew their contract. The closure resulted in a managed list dispersal.
- **The historical Annual GP Practice premises cost reimbursement amount for those that have now closed, e.g. what was the practice receiving in notional rent reimbursement per annum**
The historical annual GP practice premises cost reimbursement amount for Spalding GP Surgery was £23,262.96 for both April 2021 to March 2022 and the same for the following year April 2022 to March 2023.

Please provide a list of all GP practices whereby the NHS has stopped paying their cost rent, notional rent or rent reimbursement to the practices within the last 12 months

There are no practices in Lincolnshire where this has been applied.

Please may you provide a list of practices that are either in special measures, have caretaker measures in place or who you believe may be at risk of closure within the next 12 months.

In Lincolnshire we currently have two practices who are in special measures – Richmond Medical Centre, Lincoln and Caskgate Street Surgery, Gainsborough. We have no practices where a caretaking arrangement is currently in place. We currently have no practices currently at risk of closure. Any emerging risks are managed within the ICB with partnership working, with full resilience support provided to practices and staff.

I hope that this answers your queries with the information we currently hold, but if I can be of any further assistance please do not hesitate to contact me.

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to

Arden & GEM Greater East Midlands Commissioning Support Unit
FOI TEAM/Corporate Communications Team
1st Floor, St John's House
East Street
Leicester
LE1 6NB

If you are not content with the outcome of your complaint, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the complaints procedure provided the ICB.

The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: telephone 0303 123 1113, email icocasework@ico.org.uk and <https://ico.org.uk/global/contact-us/>

Under the terms of the Open Government Licence, you may use and re-use the information provided within this response (not including logos or photographs), free of charge in any format or medium; unless identified as another party's copyright.

<http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/doc/open-government-licence/version/3/>

Yours faithfully

Lindsay Parker
Senior Freedom of Information Officer

***On behalf of
NHS Lincolnshire ICB***