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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – DECISION NOTICE

Dear Requester

FOI Reference Number: 72131

I refer to your email of 12 December 2023 requesting information in relation to Learning Disabilities support.

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 some of the information that you have requested. A response to each element of your request is detailed below and in the attached file.

I would like to submit a Freedom of Information request to understand the Learning Disabilities support offered by your ICS to adults aged 18-64. I am looking for information on care provided in both Residential care and Supported living settings. I understand the main portion of Learning Disability support is provided through Local Authorities, but am seeking information on the support provided by ICSs through Continuing Healthcare and other relevant funding.

I have attached an excel spreadsheet to aid in collecting the data that I have requested. I would be grateful if you could use it as a template for your response. The data I would like to request is the following, for the financial years ending March 2019, March 2020, March 2021, March 2022, March 2023 and H1 of the 2024 financial year (April 2023 to September 2023) (please see attached excel for details):

- 1. The number of people supported in:**
 - Residential care settings**
 - Supported living settings**Please see the attached file

*Due to the nature of the information sought In Questions 1-6, including the sensitivity and low numbers held the ICB has engaged section 40 relating to personal data to withhold the information from disclosure "...to the world at large."

*The ICB considers that this information is exempt under Freedom of Information Act 2000, Section 40(2) (personal information) as disclosure of this level of detail could lead to the identification of individuals, which would be in breach of Section 24(1) of the Data Protection Act 2018 and Article 21 of the UK General Data Protection Regulation. Although I cannot confirm the exact figure, I can confirm that the number in each of these categories is fewer than 5.

The FOIA introduces a broader concept of risk of personal identifiable information because its test for deciding whether personal data can be disclosed is whether disclosure to a member of the public would breach the data protection principles. This means that public authorities have to assess whether releasing apparently anonymised data to a member of the public would breach the data protection principles.

This is intended to ensure that public authorities take into account the additional information that a member of the public might have (information on the Web or in news reports, public libraries, court records etc.) that could allow data to be combined to produce information that relates to and identifies a particular individual - and that is therefore personal data.

Low statistical values increase the likelihood of seemingly anonymised information being combined with other information to identify an individual.

2. The number of new placements made in:

- **Residential care settings**
- **Supported living settings**
Please see the attached file

3. The number of people discharged from:

- **Residential care settings**
- **Supported living settings**
Please see the attached file

4. The average weekly fee across all people supported in:

- **Residential care settings**
- **Supported living settings**
Please see the attached file

5. The average weekly fee across new placements only in:

- **Residential care settings**
- **Supported living settings**
Please see the attached file

6. The average weekly fee across discharged people only from:

- **Residential care settings**
- **Supported living settings**
Please see the attached file

7. The median time in days from referral (when the ICS issues a request for a placement) to placement (when the service user enters the care setting) in:

- **Residential care settings**
- **Supported living settings**
Please see the attached file.

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/>

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Yours faithfully

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**On behalf of
NHS Lincolnshire ICB**