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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – DECISION NOTICE

Dear Requester

FOI Reference Number: 72447

I refer to your email of 05 February 2024 requesting information in relation to decommissioned services.

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 not hold the information that you have requested. Please see further details below:

Please provide the following information under the freedom of information Act.

- 1) A complete list of the services that your organisation decommissioned or plans to decommission in:**
 - a. 2022-23**
 - b. 2023-24**
 - c. 2024-25 (planned)**
- 2) A short explanation for each of the decommissioning decisions listed above.**
- 3) A breakdown of the cost savings (actual or projected) from each decommissioning decision.**
- 4) A figure for the overall amount of local discretionary funding for primary care services that was allocated in your area in each of the following years.**
 - a. 2022-23**
 - b. 2023-24**
 - c. 2024-25 (planned)**
- 5) A figure for the proportion of the overall commissioning budget that was allocated to local discretionary funding for primary care services in each of the following years.**
 - a. 2022-23**

- b. 2023-24**
- c. 2024-25 (planned)**

The ICB Board has not approved the decommissioning of any service since it was established on 1st July 2022 that would come under the meaning detailed below.
[To de-commission something means ‘stopping provision of a service or a significant part of a service in order to bring about an improvement to existing service provision’.]

Any significant change to service provision would have to include public involvement and consultation under section 14Z51 of the National Health Service Act 2006 (as amended by the Health and Care Act 2022) in relation to ICBs ‘public involvement’ duty under section 14Z45. Any public consultation would also require approval by the ICB Board.

I can confirm that the ICB has approved the paediatric service change (as referenced in the November 2023 Board papers and link below) – but this is not a de-commission. Please see further details on the ICB’s website – I have detailed the link below:

[ICB Public Board Agenda - 28 November 2023](#)

There has also been a change to the Grantham A&E service, which is now an Urgent Treatment Centre. This service change came about as a result of a consultation led by Lincolnshire Clinical Commissioning Group (now Lincolnshire Integrated Care Board) into four acute services which took place in 2022, known as the Acute Services Review. Following the 12-week consultation and the feedback received from the public, Lincolnshire ICB agreed that the people of Grantham and surrounding areas needed a 24 hour urgent care service. This change came into force on Tuesday, 31st October 2023.

The ICB currently does not have any plans to decommission any services for 2024/25.

You can find further information regarding service changes within the ICB’s Board papers available from 1st July 2022 on the ICB’s website – please see the link below:

[Documents Library - Lincolnshire ICB](#)

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
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LE1 6NB

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Yours faithfully

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