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**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – DECISION NOTICE**

Dear Requester

**FOI Reference Number:** 72308

I refer to your email of 18 January 2024 requesting information in relation to fast-track NHS continuing healthcare.

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. Please see further details below:

**Please can you send me the following information under the FOI Act.  
From July 2022 to December 2023 inclusive:**

**(1) How many people receiving fast-track NHS continuing healthcare had their funding reviewed through an assessment?**

Please see the attached file

**(2) Of these, how many were:**

**a) found no longer eligible for fast-track funding?**

Please see the attached file

**b) provided with NHS-funded nursing care?**

Please see the attached file

**c) remained eligible for funding?**

Please see the attached file

\*Due to the nature of the information sought, 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.

**In all instances, can the data be broken down by calendar month.  
Please also provide any historic data you hold, prior to July 2022, for the above questions.**

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  
1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto: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***