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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – DECISION NOTICE

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Dear Requester

FOI Reference Number: 72667

I refer to your email of 9 March 2024 requesting information in relation to personal health budgets.

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.

Please could I ask for the following information related to Young Adults (18-25) with EHCP/Joint Packages from NHS LINCOLNSHIRE INTEGRATED CARE BOARD?

- 1. For Q3 2023/24 - Total number of Adults (from 18-25) who have Personal Health Budget with an EHCP in place?**

<5

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.

2. From the above (1) cases, how many have an Integrated Budget?

0

3. From the above (2) cases, how many are classified as Direct Payments / 3rd party / Notional.

0

4. From the above (2), what is the split (%) for Lead Commissioner (i.e. ICB, Local, Authority, etc.).

0 – No integrated.

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 decide unless you have exhausted the complaints procedure provided by the ICB.

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Yours faithfully
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**On behalf of
NHS Lincolnshire ICB**