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Integrated Care Board

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**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – DECISION NOTICE**

Dear Requester

**FOI Reference Number:** 72696

I refer to your email of 13 March 2024 and your clarification email of 15 March 2024 requesting information in relation to the structure of ICB Estates Teams/Functions.

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. Please see further details below:

**I am writing to submit a Freedom of Information (FOI) request regarding the Estates Team/Function within your integrated Care Board (ICB). I am seeking the following information:**

- **An organisation chart detailing the structure of Estates Teams/Functions within your ICB, including job titles of each position, their associated pay banding (AfC), and which directorate within the ICB the estates teams/functions sit.**
- **Please also provide details on any external agencies/staff used to support estates matters within your ICB, particularly those supporting primary care and/or ICB estates functions/teams/roles. This information is requested for the financial years (understanding this includes CCG coverage also) 2021/22, 2022/23, and 2023/24 year to date. Please disclose the financial value paid to the external agencies/staff for their support with estates matters within the ICB as part of this FOI request.**

***[Clarification:***

***I'm interested in how your primary care, especially GP, estates are supported and who within the organisation leads on such matters as improvement grants, estates strategy for general practice and how you are ensuring general practice estate is maintained, usage is optimised and if indeed all of the above is done by folks within the icb or if you commission/bring in other agencies to carry out this work for the icb.]***

NHS Lincolnshire ICB do not have an Estates Team.

NHS Lincolnshire ICB has a Primary Care Estates Group which has oversight for general practice estates requirements, reimbursement and governance in relation to the NHS (General Medical Services – Premises Costs) Directions 2013. Decisions in relation to investment in general practice estate for capital or revenue funding, including new developments and other funding, will be considered by the ICB Primary Care Commissioning Committee, following recommendations from the Primary Care Estates Group.

General Practice providers are reimbursed for the rent and rates of their premises by the ICB, following assessment of value for money by the District Valuers Office. The owners of the property, either GP owners or landlords via a lease arrangement, are responsible for ensuring that the premises are suitable for providing primary medical services in line with their contract and Care Quality Commission (CQC) requirements. Should a contractor require additional estates capacity to be reimbursed by Commissioners, this will require a demonstrated case for additional capacity requirements and prior approval by Commissioners in line with the Premises Costs Directions.

The table below shows the external costs incurred for the District Valuation Office relating to primary care.

Financial Year	Amount
20/21	£38,147
21/22	£32,605
22/23	£29,136
23/24	£70,752

Primary Care Estates are managed by Lincolnshire ICB as part of primary care delegated responsibilities. The East Midlands Primary Care Team, hosted by Nottingham and Nottinghamshire ICB, provide some estates functions on behalf of the 5 East Midlands ICBs, including rent reviews. During 2021/22 and 2022/23, NHS England commissioned Community Health Partnerships (CHP) and exi to undertake a data gathering exercise and to develop Primary Care Network estate strategies within Lincolnshire.

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

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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***