



Date: 22 October 2021
Our reference: N/21/3374

Dear Requestor

RE: Freedom of Information Request

With reference to your request for information I can confirm in accordance with Section 1 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 that we partially hold the information that you have requested. A response to each part of your request is below.

In the request you asked:

How much has the CCG spent on ASD diagnosis and assessment each year for the last 3 years, and how much will be invested next year.

Please see below for the CCG spend on adult Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD) diagnosis and assessment each year.

2018/19: £347,000

2019/20: £372,000

2020/21: £352,000

2021/22: £2,361,760 (*this is for Neurodevelopmental Specialist Service which is Autism and ADHD assessment and treatment*)

2022/23: £2,361,760 (*confirmed contractual investment for the Neurodevelopmental Specialist Service - Autism and ADHD assessment and treatment*)

Please note that this year's spend and next year's investment is not exclusively for Autism but includes ADHD as well as the CCG commission both through one service.

NHS Nottingham and Nottinghamshire CCG do not hold this information for children's Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD) diagnosis and assessment as assessments take place within Nottingham University Hospitals and Sherwood Forest Hospitals Community Paediatrics and Community Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS). You may wish to contact Nottingham University Hospitals NHS Trust, Sherwood Forest Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust and Nottinghamshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust to request this information. Information on how to submit a Freedom of Information request to each Trust can be found on their websites via the following links.

Nottingham University Hospitals NHS Trust - <https://www.nuh.nhs.uk/freedom-of-information/>

Sherwood Forest Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust - <https://www.sfh-tr.nhs.uk/about-us/contact-us/freedom-of-information-act-access-information-from-a-public-body/>

Nottinghamshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust -

<https://www.nottinghamshirehealthcare.nhs.uk/freedom-of-information-request-form>

If you are unhappy with the way in which your request has been handled, NHS Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Clinical Commissioning Group have an internal review procedure through which you can raise any concerns you might have. Further details of this procedure can be obtained by contacting Lucy Branson, Associate Director of Governance via lucy.branson@nhs.net or by writing to NHS Nottingham and Nottinghamshire CCG, Sir John Robinson House, Sir John Robinson Way, Arnold, Nottingham, NG5 6DA.

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Complaints to the Information Commissioner's Office should be sent to: FOI/EIR Complaints Resolution, Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF
Telephone 0303 123 1113 or report a concern: <https://ico.org.uk/concerns/>

Yours sincerely

Freedom of Information Officer on behalf of *NHS Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Clinical Commissioning Group*.

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