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Dear Sir/Madam

Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000 - Request for Information Reference: FOI
Request - Children's Continence Service

I am writing in response to your request for information under the FOI 2000.

I can confirm in accordance with Section 1 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 that we do not hold the information you have requested.

Home, Community, Hospital.

FOI Request / Question	Question Response	Is there an exemption?	Exemption	Exemption Details
<p>1. Does your Trust currently provide a children's continence and/or bladder and bowel service for individuals aged 0–19 years? (Yes/No)</p> <p>If yes, please provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The name of the service (if applicable). • The age range it covers. • The staff roles or disciplines included in the service (e.g. nurse, physiotherapist, occupational therapist). • The number of staff in each role, expressed as whole-time equivalent (WTE). • The service's referral pathway (e.g. GP, school nurse, self-referral). 	<p>No</p> <p>Under Section 16 of the Act we have a duty to provide advice and assistance. Please contact Nottinghamshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust FOI@nottshc.nhs.uk who may hold this information</p>			
<p>2. Has your Trust closed, reduced, or restructured any part of its children's continence and/or bladder and bowel service within the past three years (since October 2022)? (Yes/No)</p> <p>If yes, please provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The date of closure or reduction. • A brief description of what changed (e.g. staffing, eligibility criteria, service capacity). 	N/A			
3. How many children and young people aged 0–19 are currently being supported by your adult	N/A			

continence service for pad provision? Please provide the number of individuals currently recorded in this category.				
4. What is the average waiting time (in weeks) for an initial assessment on the children's continence service? Please provide the current number of children and young people (aged 0–19) on the waiting list for this service.	N/A			
5. Does your Trust follow the relevant NICE guidelines for continence care and management? Please indicate Yes or No for each <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Children's Continence Commissioning Guide: A handbook for the commissioning and running of children's community continence services• Guidance for the provision of continence containment products to children and young people - A consensus document	N/A			

I trust this information answers your request. Should you have any further enquiries or queries about this response please do not hesitate to contact me. However, if you are unhappy with the way in which your request has been handled, 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: Sally Brook Shanahan, Director of Corporate Affairs, King's Mill Hospital, Mansfield Road, Sutton in Ashfield, Nottinghamshire, NG17 4JL or email sally.brookshanahan@nhs.net.

If you are dissatisfied with the outcome of the internal review, you can apply to the Information Commissioner's Office, who will consider whether we have complied with our obligations under the Act and can require us to remedy any problems. Generally, the Information Commissioner's Office cannot decide unless you have exhausted the internal review procedure. You can find out more about how to do this, and about the Act in general, on the Information Commissioner's Office website at: <https://ico.org.uk/your-data-matters/official-information/>.

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Yours faithfully

Information Governance Team

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