

## **Freedom of Information Act Request**

Under the Freedom of Information Act, I would like to request the following information:

### **FOI NHS estate capital investment plan questions**

1. What are your Trust's capital investment priorities over the next five years?

We are withholding this information under **Section 22 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Information intended for future publication.**

This exemption applies because the requested information is intended for future publication as part of planned strategic documents, such as our Estates Strategy and Capital Investment Plan, which are due to be published in due course. The information is currently being developed and reviewed, and premature disclosure could lead to the release of incomplete or inaccurate information.

In applying this exemption, we have considered the public interest test. While we recognise that there is a public interest in the disclosure of information regarding future investment plans to ensure transparency and accountability, we also consider that there is a stronger public interest in ensuring that information is accurate and released in a managed, coordinated manner. Publishing the information before it is finalised could cause unnecessary concern or misinterpretation.

We therefore believe it is appropriate to withhold this information at this time under Section 22.

2. How much capital funding has the Trust been allocated for estates development this financial year (2025/26), or (where unknown) how much is the Trust expecting to be allocated?

We are withholding this information under **Section 43(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Commercial Interests.**

This exemption applies because disclosure of the requested information could prejudice the commercial interests of the Trust and/or its partners. Capital funding allocations and anticipated investments are often subject to ongoing discussions, bids, and negotiations with NHS England, Integrated Care Systems, and other stakeholders. Releasing this information prematurely could adversely impact the Trust's negotiating position and its ability to secure the best outcomes in competitive or strategic funding processes.

We have considered the public interest in transparency regarding public spending and future planning. However, on balance, we believe the public interest in withholding the information

outweighs the interest in disclosure, as premature release may compromise commercially sensitive discussions and planning.

3. Are there any confirmed or proposed capital investment projects at your Trust relating to new healthcare facilities, such as new hospital buildings, Community Diagnostic Centres (CDCs), surgical hubs, new wards, theatres, pathology labs, or aseptic units? If so, please provide details, including the nature of these plans, current stage of planning, whether a construction partner has yet been contracted, project scopes, estimated costs, timelines, and contact details for the project's Senior Responsible Officer (where available).

We are withholding this information under the following exemptions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000:

- **Section 22 – Information Intended for Future Publication:** Some of the requested information forms part of ongoing strategic planning and will be published in due course as part of the Trust's Estates Strategy or wider NHS reporting. Releasing this information ahead of publication would not serve the public interest, as it may be subject to change or clarification prior to official release.
- **Section 43(2) – Commercial Interests:** Disclosure of information relating to project scopes, estimated costs, timelines, and contracting status could prejudice the commercial interests of the Trust and its partners. These projects may involve competitive procurement processes, and premature release of sensitive commercial information could undermine the Trust's negotiating position or distort competition.
- **Section 40(2) – Personal Information:** The contact details of individual staff members, including Senior Responsible Officers, constitute personal data. Disclosure would contravene the principles of the UK General Data Protection Regulation (UK GDPR), and therefore this information is exempt from disclosure.

We have considered the public interest in releasing this information to ensure transparency in public spending and planning. However, we believe the public interest in protecting commercially sensitive information, maintaining fairness in procurement processes, and safeguarding personal data outweighs the interest in disclosure at this time.

4. If there are any current OPEN procurement opportunities (e.g. expressions of interest or opportunity notices) related to construction projects at your Trust, please provide links to the tender notices where available, and contact details for the relevant department or individual(s) responsible for these projects?

As of April 9, 2025, there are no publicly listed open procurement opportunities related to construction projects at Doncaster and Bassetlaw Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust. The Trust typically advertises such opportunities on the following platforms:

[d3tenders.com+1Tenderlake+1](#)

- **In-tend e-Tendering Portal:** The Trust uses the In-tend portal under the "Working Together NHS" banner for procurement opportunities. Suppliers can register and view available tenders here. [Business Doncaster](#)
- **Contracts Finder:** This UK government website publishes public sector procurement opportunities. The Trust's tenders are often listed here.

For the most current information, it's advisable to regularly check these platforms.

Additionally, you can contact the Trust's Procurement Department for further assistance:

- **Procurement Department Contact:**
  - **Name:** Richard Somerset
  - **Email:** r.somerset@nhs.net
  - **Website:** <https://www.dbth.nhs.uk/about-us/our-publications/publication-scheme/what-we-spend-and-how-we-spend-it/supplies-and-purchasing/>

5. Who within the Trust is responsible for overseeing estates development and capital projects (e.g. Director of Estates)? Please provide name and contact details where possible.

Mathew Gleadall Operational Director of Estates & Facilities [mathew.leadall@nhs.net](mailto:mathew.leadall@nhs.net)

If you are not satisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to request an internal review. Requests for an internal review should be submitted within 40 working days from the date of this response, and should be addressed to [d.wraith@nhs.net](mailto:d.wraith@nhs.net).

If you remain dissatisfied after the internal review, you have the right to appeal to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO). The ICO can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office

Wycliffe House

Water Lane

Wilmslow

Cheshire

SK9 5AF

Tel: 0303 123 1113

Website: <https://ico.org.uk/make-a-complaint/>

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