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Dear J Harland

Reference: FOI.21.NCL233

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**Re: Freedom of Information request**

Thank you for your request under the *Freedom of Information Act 2000* (the Act). This response is provided on behalf of NHS North Central London Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG).

Your request along with the CCG's response is detailed below.

**Please can you provide the total number personal health budgets in operation in 19/20 and 20/21. Please break this figure down to type of personal health budget. And provide, where possible, the number paid as direct payments, third party budget, and notional budget. Where the time period refers to a period when there were former CCGs please can you provide totals for area as know. So for NHS North Central London CCG, include the 5 former CCGs as a single total please.**

NHS North Central London CCG does hold this information. The CCG considers that this information is exempt from disclosure under the *Freedom of Information Act 2000, Section 21 (Information reasonably accessible to the applicant by other means)*, which provides an exemption from the duty to disclose information which is accessible to the Applicant by other means. This information is already available in the public domain and can be accessed at the NHS Digital website link:

<https://digital.nhs.uk/data-and-information/publications/statistical/personal-health-budgets>

Personal health budget data collection was suspended from Quarter 3 2019/20 to Quarter 2 2021/22.

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Wycliffe House,  
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Yours sincerely,

**Freedom of Information Team**

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