

Reference: FOI.ICB-2526/107

Subject: GP IT Systems and the Tech Innovation Framework

I can confirm that the ICB does not hold the information requested; please see responses below:

QUESTION	RESPONSE
	<p>I would like to request some information that the ICB hold. This is information about clinical IT systems that GPs in the ICB use in their practices - and a current NHS framework for these IT systems.</p> <p>I'll first give you some background about this framework and summarise the information already provided to me by NHS England in response to separate FOIs. I'll then provide the details of this current FOI request to the ICB. NHS England have already confirmed that the information I am requesting is held at an ICB level.</p> <p><u>Background</u></p> <p>NHS England have made funding available to ICBs in connection with a GP IT framework called the "Tech Innovation Framework" (TIF). The funding was available as part of an initiative called the "Early Adopter programme". I've provided supporting information below relating to this funding, and the role of the ICB:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Tech Innovation Framework: Early Adopter support <p>https://digital.nhs.uk/services/digital-care-services-catalogue/tech-innovation-framework/early-adopter-support</p> <p>'How you will be supported' section: <i>Funding is also available to support organisations with the discovery and implementation stages of their project. This will help cover any financial implications for the organisation as well as the wider system, for example the ICB funding the cost of migration.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Practices switching to latest cloud-based GP clinical systems could get financial help worth thousands

<https://managementinpractice.com/news/practices-switching-to-latest-cloud-based-gp-clinical-systems-could-get-financial-help-worth-thousands/>

Funding will be available to early adopters at each stage of the journey, with agreed inputs and outputs for each stage, a spokesperson for NHSE said. To qualify for funding, practices will need the support of their ICB in becoming an early adopter of a TIF solution.

The NHSE spokesperson told Management in Practice: 'More details on this funding is available to those who are interested, but as an indication there is up to £20K available per discovery and up to £100K available per pre-deployment, depending on the complexity and size of the change and planned transformation.'

NHS England funding available to ICBs under his programme breaks down into three categories - "Discovery", "Pre-deployment", and "Deployment". In two recent FOIs, NHS England has confirmed the following:

- Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire ICB has received £80,000 in funding as part of the TIF Early Adopter programme. (Ref: FOI-2501-2181381 NHSE:0679882)
- Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire ICB funding breaks down into: Discovery £80,000; Pre-deployment £0; Deployment £0. (Ref: FOI-2501-2181381 NHSE:0679882)
- Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire ICB has supported 4 GP practices with this TIF Early adopter funding. (Ref: FOI - 2506-2229435 NHSE:0816810)
- This funding has been available to ICBs since 2022/2023 to the current financial year. (Ref: FOI - 2506-2229435 NHSE:0816810)
- NHS England have released the information they hold in full. However, they have confirmed that:

"NHS England does not hold details of the total funding each GP practice has received. Funding is distributed by NHS England to ICBs who are responsible for agreeing and distributing appropriate funding to GP practices" (Ref: FOI - 2506-2229435 NHSE:0816810)

FOI Request

The information provided by NHS England in these FOIs confirms that ICBs hold the "GP practice level" funding data for TIF Early Adopter programme. The funding is provided by NHS England to the ICBs, who then distribute it to practices. It is the ICBs who know how much funding they allocated to each practice who has engaged with the programme. This includes which phase of the programme the funding was for. It includes information across the financial years FY 2022-23, FY 2023-24, and FY 2024-25.

My FOI request to the ICB is as follows:

- i. For each of the 4 practices in the ICB who you have distributed Early Adopter programme funding to, please provide information on how much total funding *each individual GP practice in the ICB* has received to date. This should be in each of the financial years FY 2022-23, FY 2023-24, and FY 2024-25.

As an example, this information could be provided in a tabular form, with the following columns:

GP Practice ID	Financial Year	Total Funding Discovery (£)	Total Funding Pre-Deployment (£)	Total Funding Deployment (£)	Overall Total Funding (£)

We advise contacting OneCare directly who we believe hold this information: <https://onecare.org.uk/contact/>

ii. Please can the GP Practice ID be the practice's Organisation Data Service (ODS) code - i.e. the six-digit code that uniquely identifies each GP practice (e.g. the one in the form "A12345").

- If there is a clear legal reason why the ODS code cannot be provided, then the please still provide the information, but with an anonymised GP practice ID (e.g. Practice_#1, Practice_#2, etc...).
- If it is not possible under the reasonable requests of an FOI to obtain the financial year for each funding allocation, this can be provided as an aggregate for each practice – i.e. the financial year column could be removed and just the *total* amount of funding provided to each practice provided. In this case the table columns would be, for example:

GP Practice ID	Total Funding Discovery (£)	Total Funding Pre-Deployment (£)	Total Funding Deployment (£)	Overall Total Funding (£)
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The information provided in this response is accurate as of 31 July 2025 and has been approved for release by David Jarrett, Chief Delivery Officer for NHS Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire ICB.