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**Date:** 28/08/2024

**Address / Email:**

Dear

**Request Under Freedom of Information Act 2000**

Thank you for requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

**Request**

Please complete the table below in relation to your organisation’s Double and Triple Lock Process.

**Response**

	Question	Response
Q1	Which ICB is your Trust in?	<i>Black Country</i>
Q2	In the financial year 2023-24, was your organisation in a deficit or surplus compared to your financial forecast?	<i>Surplus</i>
Q3	Have you agreed to breakeven or be in surplus with your ICB by the end of the 2024-25 financial year?	<i>No</i>
<b><i>If you answered 'surplus' to Q2, please proceed to Q7. If you answered 'deficit' please answer all remaining questions</i></b>		
Q4 a)	In the financial year 2023-24, how many applications for investment have you submitted through the double lock sign off protocol?	<i>Please insert</i>
Q4 b)	In the financial year 2023-24, how many applications for investment have you submitted through the triple lock sign off protocol?	<i>Please insert</i>

<b>Q5 a)</b>	At the time of asking, how many applications for funding made by your Trust are currently being considered through the double lock protocol and what is the total value of these outstanding applications?	<i>Total number of outstanding applications:</i>  <i>Total value of outstanding applications:</i>
<b>Q5 b)</b>	At the time of asking, how many applications for funding made by your Trust are currently being considered through the triple lock protocol and what is the total value of these outstanding applications?	<i>Total number of outstanding applications:</i>  <i>Total value of outstanding applications:</i>
<b>Q6 a)</b>	Based on the experience of your organisation, on average how long does an application for funding take to be approved through the double lock sign off protocol?	<i>Select as appropriate:</i> <i>a) 0-1 month</i> <i>b) 1-3 months</i> <i>c) 3-6 months</i> <i>d) over 6 months</i>
<b>Q6 b)</b>	Based on the experience of your organisation, on average how long does an application for funding take to be approved through the triple lock sign off protocol?	<i>Select as appropriate:</i> <i>a) 0-1 month</i> <i>b) 1-3 months</i> <i>c) 3-6 months</i> <i>d) over 6 months</i>
<b>Q7</b>	Has the introduction of double and triple lock sign off protocols improved the financial sustainability of your organisation?	<b>Yes</b>

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If you require further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

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