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The following information was requested on 6 February 2024:

I am writing to inquire about any recent applications or appeals regarding the opening of a pharmacy in Spalding. As part of my research into local healthcare services, I am interested in understanding the outcomes and decisions related to such applications.

Could you kindly provide information regarding any applications or appeals made in the last few years regarding the establishment of a pharmacy in Spalding? Additionally, if possible, I would appreciate insight into the decisions made regarding these applications, including any approvals or rejections.

Understanding the status of pharmacy applications and appeals is crucial for assessing the accessibility and availability of healthcare services in our community. Your assistance in providing this information would be immensely valuable.

Our Response

Thank you for your request for information.

We have treated your enquiry as a request under the Freedom of Information Act.

It may be helpful if I explain that our Primary Care Appeals service is the appellate body for determining appeals regarding applications to establish NHS community pharmacies. In the first instance, applications should be lodged with NHS England and since 1 April 2023, the local integrated care board. You should therefore approach either NHS Humber and North Yorkshire Integrated Care Board or NHS Lincolnshire Integrated Care Board. Please find contact details:

[Contact Us - Humber and North Yorkshire Integrated Care Board \(ICB\)](#)

[Contact us - Lincolnshire ICB](#)

According to our records (dating back six years), we have not determined any appeals regarding applications in Spalding. As a result, we cannot provide you with any decisions.

Should you wish to understand our decision making in more detail, our decisions are published on the NHS Resolution website at [PCA Decisions Archive - NHS Resolution](#).

This concludes our response to your request.

If you are not satisfied with the service that you have received in response to your information request, it is open to you to make a complaint and request a formal review of our decisions. If you choose to do this, you should write to [Tinku Mitra](#), Deputy Director of Corporate and Information Governance for NHS Resolution, within 28 days of your receipt of this reply. Reviews of decisions made in relation to information requests are carried out by a person who was not involved in the original decision-making about the request.

If you are not content with the outcome of your complaint, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a review of the decision. Generally, the Information Commissioner will not make a decision unless you have exhausted the local complaints procedure. The address of the Information Commissioner's Office is:

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