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Freedom of Information Act 2000 - Request for Information – NHS North East & North Cumbria Integrated Care Board (ICB)

Thank you for your request received by North of England Commissioning Support (NECS) on 15 October 2022 for information held by NHS North East and North Cumbria Integrated Care Board (NENC ICB) under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

For information Clinical Commissioning Groups ceased to exist on 30 June 2022. Services that were previously delivered by the CCG are now being delivered by the successor organisation NHS North East and North Cumbria (ICB). This covers the areas of County Durham, Newcastle Gateshead, North Cumbria, North Tyneside, Northumberland, South Tyneside, Sunderland and Tees Valley.

Details of Request

Support for children who are suicidal – GPs

I should like to request the following information about the support provided by General Practitioners to people under the age of 18 who are experiencing mental health problems, emotional distress, or suicidal thoughts/feeling in Hartlepool, Middlesbrough and Northumberland falls within the geographical remit of your organisation. I would like to know this information to understand better the support that is available to people aged under 18 who are experiencing emotional distress and/or at risk of suicide.

Specifically, I would like to know:

- **Number of people under 18 that have received support for**
 1. **mental health problems**

2. emotional distress, and/or
3. suicidal thoughts/feelings from a GP in the most recent reporting period (quarter or year)
 - Current waiting time to see a GP
 - Organisations that GPs regularly refer under 18's to
 - Organisations that GPs regularly signpost under 18's to
 - How many GPs have a specialist remit covering:
 1. mental health,
 2. suicide prevention, and/or
 3. support for people under 18 who are experiencing suicidal thoughts/behaviours
 - Any structured educational or awareness raising activities that GPs undertake with:
 1. people under the age of 18 in relation to mental health or emotional/psychological wellbeing
 2. professionals who have contact with people under the age of 18
 - Any structure suicide prevention work that GPs undertake with people under the age of 18

For each GP in Hartlepool, Middlesbrough and Northumberland I would also like to request a copy of their:

- Safeguarding policy
- Confidentiality policy
- Policy statement in relation to capacity, decision making and choice

Response

Tees Valley

Tees Valley Sub ICB which covers Hartlepool and Middlesbrough are not the holders of this information. You will need to redirect your request to the relevant GP Practices.

Northumberland

- **Number of people under 18 that have received support for -:** *Information not held for any of the questions below.*
 1. mental health problems

2. emotional distress, and/or

3. suicidal thoughts/feelings from a GP in the most recent reporting period (quarter or year)

- **Current waiting time to see a GP-** *information not held.*
- **Organisations that GPs regularly refer under 18's to-** *Kooth, Qwell online resources, Primary Mental Health Team (PMHW), Early help Children's Social Care, Children and Young People service (CYPS), VCSE, substance misuse victim support police social services.*
- **Organisations that GPs regularly signpost under 18's to –** *Kooth, Qwell, Children and young people's service (CYPS).*
- **How many GPs have a specialist remit covering:** *No specialist for the remits below.*

1. mental health,

2. suicide prevention, and/or

3. support for people under 18 who are experiencing suicidal thoughts/behaviours

- **Any structured educational or awareness raising activities that GPs undertake with:** *No Free online training available from Zero Suicide Alliance.*

1. people under the age of 18 in relation to mental health or emotional/psychological wellbeing

2. professionals who have contact with people under the age of 18

- **Any structure suicide prevention work that GPs undertake with people under the age of 18 -:** *Not part of any continuing professional development.*

For each GP in Northumberland, I would also like to request a copy of their:

- **Safeguarding policy-** *Information not held.*
- **Confidentiality policy-** *information not held.*
- **Policy statement in relation to capacity, decision making and choice-** *information not held.*

In line with the Information Commissioner's directive on the disclosure of information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 your request will form part of our disclosure log. Therefore, a version of our response which will protect your anonymity will be posted on the NHS ICB website <https://northeastnorthcumbria.nhs.uk/>.

If you have any queries or wish to discuss the information supplied, please do not hesitate to contact me on the above telephone number or at the above address.

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to make a complaint or request a review of our decision, you should write to the Senior

Governance Manager using the contact details at the top of this letter quoting the appropriate reference number.

If you are not content with the outcome your complaint, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Generally, the Information Commissioner cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the complaints procedure provided by The North of England Commissioning Support Unit.

The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
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Any information we provide following your request under the Freedom of Information Act will not confer an automatic right for you to re-use that information, for example to publish it. If you wish to re-use the information that we provide and you do not specify this in your initial application for information then you must make a further request for its re-use as per the Re-Use of Public Sector Information Regulations 2015 www.legislation.gov.uk . This will not affect your initial information request.

Yours sincerely

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