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Dear Applicant

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

Thank you for your request received on 23 September 2026 for information held by NHS North East and North Cumbria Integrated Care Board (the ICB) under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The ICB covers the areas of County Durham, Newcastle Gateshead, North Cumbria, North Tyneside, Northumberland, South Tyneside, Sunderland, and Tees Valley.

Please find the information you requested on behalf of the ICB as follows.

Your Request

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, please provide the following. Where a document is already published, a direct link is sufficient under section 21.

Part A: Policies

1. Any current commissioning policy or clinical threshold that restricts, requires prior approval for, or sets criteria for procedures or treatments involving a medical device. This includes your Evidence-Based Interventions or Procedures of Limited Clinical Value policy and any prior approval list.
2. Any current formulary, preferred product list or supply scheme for devices and appliances, including wound care, stoma, continence, compression, blood glucose monitoring (including CGM) and any other device categories you cover.
3. For each item in 1 and 2, its approval date and next review date.

Part B: Decision making

1. The name of the committee or group that approves the items in Part A, and its terms of reference.
2. That committee's meeting dates from 1 April 2026 to 31 March 2027.
3. The process a supplier or clinician must follow to submit a product for formulary consideration, including any submission form and evidence requirements.

4. Whether device and appliance supply in your area is through FP10 prescribing, a direct supply or off-prescription scheme, or both. If a scheme is in place, the provider's name and the contract end date.

Scope
Job titles only for committee members, please. I'm not requesting anyone's name or personal data. If any part would exceed the cost limit, please release the remainder and advise under section 16 how that part could be narrowed.

Our Response

Part A: Policies
1. The ICB's Value Based Clinical Commissioning policy includes details relating to clinical thresholds, etc. This is publicly available on the ICB's website: icbp040-value-based-commissioning-policy-14.pdf. Therefore, the ICB considers this element of your request exempt from disclosure by way of s.21 as the information is readily accessible by other means.
2. Guidelines for continence products and stoma including formulary or recommended choices are publicly available at Guidelines – NTAG. Formulary choices of dressings are publicly available at North East and North Cumbria Formulary. Therefore, the ICB considers this element of your request exempt from disclosure by way of s.21 as the information is readily accessible by other means.
3. Please refer to the response to question 2, part A.

Part B: Decision making
1. All details related to formulary and guidelines governance procedures and committees are publicly available at NTAG – Northern Treatment Advisory Group. Therefore, the ICB considers this element of your request exempt from disclosure by way of s.21 as the information is readily accessible by other means.
2. Please refer to the response to question 1, part B.
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4. Apart from wound care, appliance provision is via FP10. For wound care various supply routes are in place across the region depending on locality. These are listed below. The ICB does not hold contract end date information.

Locality	Platform	Provider
North Cumbria	ONPOS	NWOS
Northumberland and North Tyneside	ONPOS	NHS Supply chain
Darlington and Durham	ONPOS	NWOS
Sunderland and South Tyneside	ONPOS	NWOS
Newcastle and Gateshead		AmCare
Tees Valley		NHS Supply chain

In accordance 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 request a review of our decision, you should write to the Information 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 review, you do have the right of complaint to the Information Commissioner as established by section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Generally, the Information Commissioner cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the ICB's complaints procedure.

The Information Commissioner can be contacted at Information Commissioner's Office, 4th Floor, No. 3 Circle Square, 5 Hawkshaw Street, Manchester, M1 7BL or www.ico.org.uk.

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 faithfully

Information Governance Support Officer

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