



# North East and North Cumbria

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Dear

**Freedom of Information Act 2000 - Request for Information – NHS North East & North Cumbria Integrated Care Board.**

Thank you for your request received by North of England Commissioning Support (NECS) on 13 January 2023 for information held by NHS North East and North Cumbria Integrated Care Board (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.

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

**Request**

Do Midwives use The Bristol Tongue-tie Assessment Tool? If No please state the assessment used.

Please confirm which staff perform the assessment. For example, a midwife or a doctor?

Is it a specialist midwife or a junior doctor at the Newborn and Infant Physical Examination (NIPE) assessment?

Does your trust provide a tongue tie service? If yes please state what this consists of eg outpatient/day case clinic and how many staff and their job designation/band. If No – do staff advise parents to speak to their GP or Health visitor?

What improvements have been made offering parents support on tongue tie in the past 18 months as a result of patient feedback?

Please provide an example and include the source of the original feedback eg National Maternity Survey, Complaint, PALS, FFT.

Does your trust have Baby Friendly Initiative (UNICEF and WHO accreditation)?

## Response

NHS North East and North Cumbria Integrated Care Board do not hold the requested information. You may wish to redirect your request to the providers of the service who hold this. Contact details are as follows:

County Durham & Darlington NHS Foundation Trust	cdda-tr.cddftfoi@nhs.net
Tees, Esk & Wear Valley NHS Trust	tewv.ftmembership@nhs.net
South Tees Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust	foi@stees.nhs.uk
Northumbria Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust	foi@northumbria.nhs.uk
Gateshead Health NHS Foundation Trust	ghnt.foi.enquiries@nhs.net
Newcastle Upon Tyne Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust	nuth.freedom.information@nhs.net
Cumbria, Northumberland, Tyne & Wear NHS Foundation Trust	foi@cntw.nhs.uk
North Tees & Hartlepool NHS Foundation Trust	foi@nth.nhs.uk
South Tyneside and Sunderland NHS Foundation Trust	stsft.freedomofinformation@nhs.net
North Cumbria Integrated Care Foundation NHS Trust	foirequests@ncic.nhs.uk

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  
Wilmslow  
Cheshire  
SK9 5AF

[www.ico.gov.uk](http://www.ico.gov.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](http://www.legislation.gov.uk) . This will not affect your initial information request.

Yours sincerely

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**Information Governance Officer**