



North East and North Cumbria

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Dear

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 by North of England Commissioning Support (NECS) on 18 April 2023 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.

NENC ICB covers the areas of County Durham, Gateshead, Newcastle, 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

I would like to make an application under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 for the following information:

1. How many patients have been treated within your health board with symptoms of drug overdose in 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023? Please provide a monthly breakdown of each of the years listed (January, February, March, etc).
2. How many patients have been treated within your health board with symptoms of spiking in 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023? Please provide a monthly breakdown of each of the years listed (January, February, March, etc).

3. How many drug-related deaths have been recorded in your health board in 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023? Please provide a monthly breakdown of each of the years listed (January, February, March, etc).

4. Please can you provide the number of deaths due to blood clots per age group for the years; 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023. To specify, I would like the data to be separated in the following age groups, unless the data is already separated differently: Under 20 years old, under 30 years old, under 40 years old, under 50 years old, under 60 years old, under 70 years old, under 80 years old, 80 years old and above.

Our Response

Data is produced by NECS Information Services Department on behalf of North East and North Cumbria ICB.

1. *Table below illustrates the number of patients that have been treated within NENC ICB with symptoms of drug overdose- 2018-2023 monthly breakdown:*

Number of Inpatient Spells with Primary or Secondary Diagnosis of Drug Poisoning

Yr-Mth	Number of Spells
2018-01	660
2018-02	629
2018-03	749
2018-04	761
2018-05	836
2018-06	880
2018-07	951
2018-08	909
2018-09	844
2018-10	816
2018-11	842
2018-12	737
2019-01	799
2019-02	749
2019-03	927
2019-04	836
2019-05	866
2019-06	764
2019-07	796
2019-08	780
2019-09	719
2019-10	747
2019-11	693
2019-12	596
2020-01	712
2020-02	736

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2020-04	599
2020-05	736
2020-06	846
2020-07	891
2020-08	905
2020-09	842
2020-10	778
2020-11	721
2020-12	693
2021-01	684
2021-02	675
2021-03	870
2021-04	718
2021-05	841
2021-06	753
2021-07	676
2021-08	618
2021-09	574
2021-10	542
2021-11	539
2021-12	499
2022-01	529
2022-02	530
2022-03	667
2022-04	594
2022-05	713
2022-06	656
2022-07	562
2022-08	635
2022-09	650
2022-10	539
2022-11	526
2022-12	381
2023-01	488

Included ICD10 Codes for Drug Poisoning Admission Spells (in primary or secondary diagnosis field)

F11-16, F18-19, Mental and behavioural disorders due to drug use (excluding alcohol and tobacco)

X40-44 Accidental poisoning by drugs, medicaments and biological substances

X60-64 Intentional self-poisoning by drugs, medicaments and biological substances

X85 Assault by drugs, medicaments and biological substances

Y10-14 Poisoning by drugs, medicaments and biological substances, undetermined intent

2. *We were unable to provide any information for question 2 as it is not coded in the data we have access to in NECs who produced this analysis (patients treated with symptoms of spiking) – rejection on the basis of information not held.*

3. *Included ICD10 Codes for Drug Related Deaths*

F11-16, F18-19, Mental and behavioural disorders due to drug use (excluding alcohol and tobacco)

X40-44 Accidental poisoning by drugs, medicaments and biological substances
 X60-64 Intentional self-poisoning by drugs, medicaments and biological substances
 X85 Assault by drugs, medicaments and biological substances
 Y10-14 Poisoning by drugs, medicaments and biological substances, undetermined intent

[Deaths related to drug poisoning, England and Wales - Office for National Statistics \(ons.gov.uk\)](https://ons.gov.uk)

Deaths Related to Drug Poisoning

Yr-Mth	Number of Deaths
2018-01	30
2018-02	31
2018-03	32
2018-04	26
2018-05	38
2018-06	27
2018-07	27
2018-08	37
2018-09	41
2018-10	39
2018-11	38
2018-12	35
2019-01	43
2019-02	28
2019-03	39
2019-04	31
2019-05	35
2019-06	29
2019-07	26
2019-08	33
2019-09	23
2019-10	32
2019-11	37
2019-12	39
2020-01	49
2020-02	45
2020-03	55
2020-04	32
2020-05	41
2020-06	41
2020-07	39
2020-08	24
2020-09	33
2020-10	34
2020-11	31
2020-12	44
2021-01	49
2021-02	38
2021-03	34
2021-04	40
2021-05	24

2021-06	38
2021-07	43
2021-08	24
2021-09	28
2021-10	42
2021-11	28
2021-12	33
2022-01	31
2022-02	25
2022-03	23
2022-04	25
2022-05	37
2022-06	18
2022-07	28

Please note that there are often delays with death registrations so data for more recent months is not yet complete.

4. Deaths related to blood clots:

Included ICD10 Codes for Blood Clot Deaths

I26 Pulmonary Embolism

I80.0 Phlebitis and thrombophlebitis of superficial vessels of lower extremities

I80.1 Phlebitis and thrombophlebitis of femoral vein

I80.2 Phlebitis and thrombophlebitis of other deep vessels of lower extremities

I80.8 Phlebitis and thrombophlebitis of other sites

I80.9 Phlebitis and thrombophlebitis of unspecified sites

I82.9 Embolism and thrombosis of unspecified vein

[Deaths in 2019, 2021, and 2022 due to blood clots - Office for National Statistics \(ons.gov.uk\)](https://ons.gov.uk)

Deaths Related to Blood Clots

Age Band	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
<i>Under 20</i>	*	*	*	*	*
<i>Under 30</i>	*	*	*	*	*
<i>Under 40</i>	*	7	8	*	*
<i>Under 50</i>	19	8	15	22	13
<i>Under 60</i>	28	25	38	26	45
<i>Under 70</i>	51	43	54	63	47
<i>Under 80</i>	71	60	82	92	83
<i>80 and over</i>	91	83	77	92	93
TOTAL	162	143	159	184	176

* Small Numbers Suppressed <7

Note: Under 50 includes Under 40, Under 30 and Under 20

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/>.

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Yours sincerely

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