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By Email

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 by North of England Commissioning Support (NECS) on 17 February 2024 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 (which covers the 5 councils that make it up – Darlington, Hartlepool, Middlesbrough, Redcar & Cleveland and Stockton-on-Tees).

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

Your Request

Could I ask with regards to the attached and confirm the 16.9 million is an annual payment. The annual budget made available as part of the procurement of the new service and model was £16.9m per annum. Therefore, is this money only available for the UTC(s) and not be spent elsewhere?

Our Response

We can confirm, as per Section 1(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, the ICB does hold the information requested.

*As per our previous response, the **annual** budget made available as part of the procurement of the **new service and model** was £16.9m per annum.*

We have issued a specification that the funding should support delivery of; we expect the provider to deliver the specification in full and their tender suggested that delivery would utilise the budget. If there was any underspend then they would be at liberty to utilise this; however we would through our contracting mechanisms continually review the position and if there was a recurrent underspend it is highly likely we would either reduce the allocation or direct where any surplus should be utilised.

The specification is a public document and was part of the Invitation to Tender (ITT) Pack. In summary the specification set out requirements in relation to the following elements of the service;

- *Access*
- *Registration/Streaming*
- *Assessment, Diagnosis and Treatment*
- *Diagnostics*
- *Blood results/monitoring*
- *Out of Hours provision including Home visiting*
- *Prison Visits where appropriate*
- *Supporting Discharge*
- *Equipment*
- *Workforce*
- *Supply and access to medicines, storage, handling, disposal*
- *Prescriptions*
- *Policies, systems and processes*
- *Interdependencies with other services*
- *Marketing*

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 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 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 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.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 sincerely

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