

Our Reference North East and North Cumbria ICB\
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By Email

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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 by North of England Commissioning Support (NECS) on 21 November 2024 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, Gateshead, Newcastle, North Cumbria, North Tyneside, Northumberland, South Tyneside, Sunderland, and Tees Valley (which covers the five local authorities of Darlington, Hartlepool, Middlesbrough, Redcar and Cleveland and Stockton-on-Tees).

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

Your Request

I would be most grateful if you would provide me, under the Freedom of Information Act, details in respect to the Confidential Waste Destruction Contract. The details I require are:

1. Has confidential waste been procured via tender or framework, or another means, if other means, please confirm how you procured your confidential waste.
2. If a framework, could you confirm the name of the framework please?
3. Actual contract values of each framework/contract (& any sub lots)
4. Start date & duration of contract.
5. Is there an extension clause in the framework(s)/contract(s) and, if so, the duration of the extension, along with the final possible contract end date?
6. Has a decision been made yet on whether the framework(s)/contract(s) are being either extended or renewed?
7. Who is the procurement officer responsible for this contract and could you provide their email address and phone number please?
8. Do you have a generic email address for your procurement department, for example procurement@organisation.com, if so could you confirm this?

9. Who is the senior officer (outside of procurement) responsible for this contract and could you provide their email address and phone number please?
10. Who is the current supplier?
11. If your current supplier is a Facilities Management/Waste/Cleaning Company, which sub-contractor services your organisation? E.g., which company's staff actually collect your confidential waste?

Our Response

We can confirm, as per Section 1(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, the ICB holds some of the information you have requested.

1. NENC ICB came into being on 1 July 2022 when the Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) in the North East and North Cumbria region were abolished. Each place within the ICB still holds individual confidential waste contracts. These contracts originally ran from January 2015 for 2 years and were extended to March 2022. They are currently rolling 3-year contracts.
2. Due to data retention periods contracts folders only go back to 2019 so this data no longer exists.
3. The current contract value is not held, the ICB only holds information on what is paid.
4. Please refer to the response to question 1.
5. The ICB does not yet have a contract to procure confidential waste services across all areas of the North East and North Cumbria region.
6. Please refer to the response to question 3.
7. Please refer to the response to question 3.
8. Please direct all emails to the Procurement Team via necsu.nenc-icb.contactus@nhs.net clearly marking your email for the attention of that team.
9. Please refer to the response to question 3.
10. Shred-It is the current supplier.
11. Please refer to the response to question 10.

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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