

Our Reference North East and North Cumbria ICB\
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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 2 April 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

I am writing under the Freedom of Information Act. Please could you answer the following questions about the **memory assessment services** in your ICB Region.

1. Is memory/dementia assessment covered separately to wider dementia services, or is it covered under the same contract?
2. How is the service delivered in your region? I.e: do you have a prime contract holder? Is it a collaborative provider? Do you have multiple provider contracts?
3. What model do you plan to use moving forwards (ie: prime provider, collaborative...)?
4. Who is the prime contract holder for your region?
5. Who are the other contract holders in your region?
6. What is the financial envelope for each contract in your region? Please specify the time period this covers.
7. What are your main KPIs for memory assessment in your region?
8. How are your memory assessment providers performing against these KPIs
9. What is the length of your current memory assessment contract(s) and when is it(they) up for renewal?
10. What are your priorities for memory assessment in the next 3 years?

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. *Durham & Tees Valley response:* Across Durham and Tees Valley, dementia assessments/ services sit within the wider Tees, Esk and Wear Valleys NHS Foundation Trust NHS Standard contract. There is not a separate service specification for dementia assessment to other elements of the services, however a dementia care pathway has been attached below to demonstrate referral to care plan/discharge.



Dementia care
pathway.docx

Newcastle, Gateshead, Northumberland, North Cumbria, North Tyneside, South Tyneside and Sunderland response: Across Newcastle, Gateshead, Northumberland, North Cumbria, North Tyneside, South Tyneside and Sunderland, the main dementia assessment and diagnosis service sits within the wider Cumbria, Northumberland, Tyne and Wear NHS Foundation Trust NHS Standard contract.

Northumbria Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust also provide memory clinics in North Tyneside and Gateshead Health NHS Foundation Trust also provides a Specialist Memory Hub for Gateshead residents.

2. *Durham & Tees Valley response:* Across Durham and Tees Valley there is one provider of dementia assessment services, which is the provider Tees, Esk and Wear Valleys NHS Foundation Trust.

Newcastle, Gateshead, Northumberland, North Cumbria, North Tyneside, South Tyneside and Sunderland response: Across Newcastle, Gateshead, Northumberland, North Cumbria, North Tyneside, South Tyneside and Sunderland, the main dementia assessment and diagnosis service is provided by Cumbria, Northumberland, Tyne and Wear NHS Foundation Trust.

Northumbria Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust also provide memory clinics in North Tyneside and Gateshead Health NHS Foundation Trust also provides a Specialist Memory Hub for Gateshead residents.

3. *Durham & Tees Valley response:* A review of commissioning arrangements has not been undertaken to suggest a change in this model moving forward into the financial year 2024/25 or past this point.

Newcastle, Gateshead, Northumberland, North Tyneside, South Tyneside and Sunderland response: A review of commissioning arrangements has not been undertaken to suggest a change in this model moving forward into the financial year 2024/25 or past this point.

North Cumbria response: In North Cumbria the model planned to use moving forward is Prime Provider.

4. Please see answers 1, 2 and 3. There is not one prime contract holder for the entire NENC ICB.
5. Please see answers 1, 2 and 3.
6. On this occasion it is not possible to provide the requested information. In line with your rights under section 1(1)(a) of the Act to be informed whether information is held, we confirm the ICB does not hold any of the information requested. The spend is part of a wider block contract arrangement and not broken down to this level. We have determined the records are held by Acute and Mental Health Hospital NHS Foundation Trusts within the North East and North Cumbria region.

In accordance with our duty under s.16 of the FOIA to provide reasonable advice and assistance to an individual requesting information, we have provided the FOI email addresses for those acute hospitals to make your request.

NENC Acute Hospital FTs	Email
County Durham & Darlington NHS FT	cdda-tr.cddftfoi@nhs.net
Gateshead Health NHS FT	ghnt.foi.enquiries@nhs.net
North Cumbria Integrated Care NHS FT	foirequest@cumbria.nhs.uk
North Tees & Hartlepool NHS FT	foi@nth.nhs.uk
Northumbria Healthcare NHS FT	foi@northumbria.nhs.uk
South Tees Hospitals NHS FT	foi@stees.nhs.uk
South Tyneside and Sunderland NHS FT	stsft.freedomofinformation@nhs.net
The Newcastle Upon Tyne Hospitals NHS FT	nuth.freedom.information@nhs.net

NENC Mental Health Hospital FTs	Email
Cumbria, Northumberland, Tyne & Wear NHS FT	foi@cntw.nhs.uk
Tees, Esk & Wear Valley NHS FT	tewv.foi@nhs.net

7. The KPI collated across the region is: Primary care dementia diagnosis rate, with a threshold of 66.7% to achieve. NENC ICB, as a region, achieved 68.3% in January 2024.
8. The diagnosis rate for people aged 65 and over, with a diagnosis of dementia is recorded in primary care, expressed as a percentage of the estimated prevalence based on GP registered populations. A provider level breakdown is therefore not available. However, locality levels are available for the same period (January 2024) are available and based on the provider levels detailed answer 2, please see the below available data:
 - County Durham – 71.1%
 - Newcastle Gateshead – 72.8%
 - North Cumbria – 56.3%
 - North Tyneside – 69.8%
 - Northumberland – 64.0%
 - South Tyneside – 72.4%
 - Sunderland – 64.3%
 - Tees Valley – 73.1%
9. *Durham and Tees Valley response:* As the service forms part of the Tees, Esk and Wear Valleys NHS Foundation Trust NHS Standard contract, the contract term was in place between 1st April 2023 and 31st March 2024. Renewal processes are currently underway for 2024/25 NHS Standard Contracts with all NHS Foundation Trusts. The delays in publishing the NHS

2024/25 Planning guidance have caused delays in progressing contract signatories for all NHS standard contracts.

Newcastle, Gateshead, Northumberland, North Cumbria, North Tyneside, South Tyneside and Sunderland response: As the services form part of the NHS Standard Contracts held with Cumbria, Northumberland, Tyne and Wear NHS Foundation Trust, Northumbria Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust and Gateshead Health NHS Foundation Trust, the contract term was in place between 1st April 2023 and 31st March 2024. Renewal processes are currently underway for 2024/25 NHS Standard Contracts with all NHS Foundation Trusts. The delays in publishing the NHS 2024/25 Planning guidance have caused delays in progressing contract signatories for all NHS standard contracts.

10. NENC ICB will not be able to confirm commissioning intentions until after the final 2024/25 operational plan is submitted on 2 May 2024 (due to the delayed planning guidance).

At this point the only priority for certain is to meet the requirements of the national planning guidance, by increasing/maintaining the dementia diagnosis rates at 66.7% by March 2025 across the ICB.

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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