



## North East and North Cumbria

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### **Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information – NHS North East & North Cumbria Integrated Care Board (ICB)**

Thank you for your request received by North of England Commissioning Support (NECS) on 29 December 2022 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.

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.

### **Details of Request and Response**

I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) to request information relating to the provision of ADHD (Attention deficit hyperactivity disorder) services by NHS North East and North Cumbria ICB.

### **Children and young people**

1. Please name the organisation(s) that deliver(s) CYP (children and young people) ADHD assessment / diagnoses in your ICB area.

*Cumbria, Northumberland, Tyne and Wear NHS Foundation Trust and Tees Esk and Wear Valley Foundation Trust*

- a. When did the contract(s) begin and when is the contract(s) due to end.

*Current contracts began 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022 and expires 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023.*

- b. What is the annual spend for this service for 2022, and for the last 5 years?

*Services form part of Children and young people mental health services in TEWVFT and CNTWFT and ADHD is not commissioned separate from these services.*

- c. How is the service contracted – is it Block, Activity-based, or AQP contracting?

*Block*

- d. If the service is commissioned with other CCGs, ICSs or Trusts, which are these?

*CNTW – Northumberland, Newcastle Gateshead, North Tyneside, South Tyneside, Sunderland, North Cumbria*

*TEWV – County Durham and Tees Valley*

- e. At what prevalence (% of the child population) have the contracts been commissioned against?

*Not known*

2. Does the same organisation as for Question 1 also deliver CYP ADHD prescriptions and post-diagnosis ADHD support in your ICB area? If not, please provide the same information for this organisation.

*Yes, they provide this support*

3. Please outline the CYP ADHD pathway in your area, including key referral sources

*Information not held, please contact the two providers of the service, CNTW - [foi@cntw.nhs.uk](mailto:foi@cntw.nhs.uk) and TEWV - [tewv.ftmembership@nhs.net](mailto:tewv.ftmembership@nhs.net)*

4. How many children and young people are currently waiting for a CYP ADHD assessment in your area? What is the longest and median wait time from a referral?

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- a. Within the last year, how many children and young people were assessed within 12 weeks of referral?
- b. Within the last year, how many children and young people were discharged without assessment?
- c. Please answer Questions 4, 4a, 4b for as many historic years as possible, up to 5 years

*As above*

5. For the last 5 years, please give the number of CYP patients per year in the ICB who were:

- a. Referred for ADHD assessment

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- b. Given an ADHD assessment

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- c. Given an ADHD assessment from a 'Right to Choose' provider, outside the service contracted

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- d. Diagnosed with ADHD

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6. For the last 5 years, what was the average number of ADHD-qualified staff delivering services in the area? How does this split by role:

- a. Qualified psychiatrists
- b. Paediatricians
- c. Speech and Language therapists
- d. Clinical Psychologists
- e. For a-d, please also give numbers of trainees

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### **Adult ADHD**

Please provide equivalent answers for Questions 1-6, but for Adult ADHD services in the ICB. If the ICB does not distinguish between CYP and Adult ADHD services, please answer Questions 1-6 for all patients collectively

1. Please name the organisation(s) that deliver(s) Adult ADHD assessment / diagnoses in your ICB area

*Cumbria, Northumberland, Tyne and Wear NHS Foundation Trust (CNTW)  
Psychiatry UK (Newcastle Gateshead and North Cumbria)  
Tees Esk and Wear Valley Foundation Trust*

- a. When did the contract(s) begin and when is the contract(s) due to end

*CNTW FT and TEWV FT – Current contract began 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022 and expires 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023*

*Psychiatry UK – 1<sup>st</sup> October 2022 - 30<sup>th</sup> September 2023 Newcastle Gateshead  
Psychiatry UK North Cumbria Current contract began 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022 and expires 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023*

- b. What is the annual spend for this service for 2022, and for the last 5 years?

*Psychiatry UK - Newcastle Gateshead 380k*

*Psychiatry UK - North Cumbria - Annual spend £650k – we don't have last five years activity*

*CNTW – annual spend 2022 - £2,380,816.00*

*TEWV – not known at this time*

- c. How is the service contracted – is it Block, Activity-based, or AQP contracting?

CNTW – Block  
TEVV – Block  
Psychiatry UK – Block/Activity

- d. If the service is commissioned with other CCGs, ICSs or Trusts, which are these?

CNTW – Northumberland, Newcastle Gateshead, North Tyneside, South Tyneside, Sunderland  
Psychiatry UK – Newcastle Gateshead and North Cumbria  
TEVV – County and Tees Valley

- e. At what prevalence (% of the adult population) have the contracts been commissioned against?

*Information not held.*

2. Does the same organisation as for Question 1 also deliver Adult ADHD prescriptions and post-diagnosis ADHD support in your ICB area? If not, please provide the same information for this organisation.

*Yes, they provide this support*

3. Please outline the Adult ADHD pathway in your area, including key referral sources.

*Information not held, contact the providers of the service.*

4. How many Adults are currently waiting for an ADHD assessment in your area? What is the longest and median wait time from a referral?

*CNTW – 5688 adults waiting for an ADHD assessment with the longest wait 40 months.*

*TEVV – information not held, contact the Provider.*

*Psychiatry UK - 370 adults waiting for assessment in North Cumbria with longest wait 4 months.*

- a. Within the last year, how many adults people were assessed within 12 weeks of referral?

*Information not held, contact the providers of the services.*

- b. Within the last year, how many Adults were discharged without assessment?

*Information not held, contact the providers of the services.*

- c. Please answer Questions 4, 4a, 4b for as many historic years as possible, up to 5 years

*Information not held, contact the providers of the services.*

5. For the last 5 years, please give the number of Adult patients per year in the ICB who were:

- a. Referred for ADHD assessment
- b. Given an ADHD assessment
- c. Given an ADHD assessment from a 'Right to Choose' provider, outside the service contracted
- d. Diagnosed with ADHD

*Information not held for Q5*

6. For the last 5 years, what was the average number of ADHD-qualified staff delivering services in the area? How does this split by role:
  - a. Qualified psychiatrists
  - b. Paediatricians
  - c. Speech and Language therapists
  - d. Clinical Psychologists
  - e. For a-d, please also give numbers of trainees

*Information not held, contact the providers of the services.*

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.

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Yours sincerely

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