



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 August 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 (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 wish to make an FOI request, as set out under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

I am well aware from other FOI requests across the country, that if you are registered with a GP surgery in England and you are referred by a GP to a consultant or specialist in mental health, you have the legal right to choose the organisation (qualified provider) to whom you are referred, as long as that organisation is providing that service in another part of England. To enable patients to ask for a referral to be made to one of these organisations, they need to know what organisations have been awarded contracts.

My request is therefore to know what contracts have been awarded by your ICB for:

1. ADHD assessments
2. ADHD treatment

I am aware some external organisations diagnose but do not treat ADHD and so it is important to differentiate between providers, and for these organisations to be separated into those that provide services for:

1. Children
2. Adults

This request is not seeking any patient numbers referred to the service, nor is it looking for contract values, merely the names the organisation have active ADHD contracts and the therefore the start and projected end date of these contracts.

Our Response

The table below details of the provider, service provided and contract start and end dates:

Provider	Service type: Children/ Adult/ Both	ADHD Assessment and/or Triage	Contract start date	Contract end date
Cumbria, Northumberland, Tyne and Wear NHS FT	Both	Both	01/04/2023	31/03/2024
Psych-UK Limited (Newcastle)	Adults	Both	01/10/2022	30/09/2023
Psych-UK Limited (Northumberland)	Adults	Both	01/04/2023	31/03/2024
South Tyneside and Sunderland NHS FT	Children	Triage only	01/10/2022	01/04/2023
Tees, Esk & Wear Valley NHS FT	Adult	Assessment, diagnosis and management	01/04/2023	31/03/2024

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.

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to make a complaint or 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 complaint, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. 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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