



North East and North Cumbria

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By Email

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 06 July 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 am currently researching how services for the diagnosis and treatment of neurodevelopmental conditions are commissioned in the UK. I understand from a Freedom of Information request submitted in November 2022 (Ref: HM\ North East & North Cumbria ICB\ FOI ICB136), that the ICB did not yet have plans to or was undecided on whether to implement an NHS Trust Lead Provider Model for the commissioning of its services (including diagnostic pathways) for Autism, ADHD and other neurodevelopmental conditions.

I would be grateful if you could provide the information requested below (as per the Freedom of Information Act) as it relates to your Integrated Care Board.

Questions:

1. Has the ICS of which North East and North Cumbria Integrated Care Board is a member of decided to implement an NHS Trust Lead Provider Model for the commissioning of its services (including diagnostic pathways) for Autism, ADHD and other neurodevelopmental conditions?
2. If yes, what is the timeline to implement an NHS Trust Lead Provider Model?
3. Does North East and North Cumbria Integrated Care Board currently have direct NHS standard contracts or indirect subcontracts with independent providers for the diagnosis and treatment of Autism, ADHD, and other neurodevelopmental conditions?
4. If yes, are you North East and North Cumbria Integrated Care Board applying the Provider Selection Regime guidelines to your procurement of independent providers (as regulated by the Health and Care Act 2022), or are you continuing to use open competitive tendering to procure providers?
5. Does the ICS which North East and North Cumbria Integrated Care Board is a member of have a Lead Provider Collaborative for services relating to Learning Disabilities and Autism (LDA) and/or mental health conditions?
6. If yes, who chairs the Lead Provider Collaborative?

Our Response

1. *No*
2. *Not applicable*
3. *Yes*
4. *NECS Healthcare Procurement and Market Management Team when procuring contracts on behalf of NHS North East and North Cumbria ICB are applying the current Regulations – Public Contract Regulations 2015 (as amended) in line with all legal requirements. Please note PSR has not yet been implemented as legislation.*
5. *Yes*
6. *Brent Kilmurray (Chief Executive, Tees, Esk and Wear Valleys NHS Foundation Trust).*

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
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Yours sincerely

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