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FOI ICB 24–354

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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 10 December 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 am writing to you with a Freedom of Information Request. I would be grateful if you could provide me with details regarding the provision of School Age Immunisation Services (SAIS) in your area. The specific information I require is as follows:

1. Current SAIS Providers

For each of the following vaccine types, do you currently have School Age Immunisation Services (SAIS) providers in place?

- Seasonal influenza vaccine.
- Human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine.
- Tetanus, Diphtheria and inactivated Polio (Td/IPV) vaccine.
- MenACWY vaccine.
- Measles, Mumps, and Rubella (MMR) vaccine.

2. Contract Details

For each SAIS contract with each provider in place, please provide the following:

- a. Name of the provider.
- b. Type of vaccination program covered (Flu, HPV, Td/IPV, MenACWY, MMR).
- c. Location/area covered.
- d. Start date of the contract.
- e. Length of the contract.
- f. Any options to extend the contract.
- g. Total value of the contract.
- h. Any minimum volume commitments.
- i. Whether it was awarded as a 'Lot' as part of a larger tender contract.

### 3. Procurement / Selection Process

For each awarded contract, please provide the following details about the tender process:

- a. The eligibility requirements for bidders to participate.
- b. The evaluation criteria and their weighting, e.g., price, quality, references, etc.
- c. Rationale for selecting the awarded provider.
- d. A copy of the tender request document.

## **Our Response**

We can confirm, as per Section 1(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, the ICB on this occasion is not able 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. However, we have determined that the information is held by NHS England, as commissioner.

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 NHS England FOI email address: [england.contactus@nhs.net](mailto:england.contactus@nhs.net) Please write "Freedom of Information" in the subject line.

You may also refer to the NHS England website:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/health-protection-in-schools-and-other-childcare-facilities/supporting-immunisation-programmes>

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](http://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](http://www.legislation.gov.uk) . This will not affect your initial information request.

Yours sincerely

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