



North East and North Cumbria

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Applicant
By Email

Dear Applicant,

Freedom of Information Act 2000 - Request for Information – NHS North East & North Cumbria Integrated Care Board.

Thank you for your request received by North of England Commissioning Support (NECS) on 24/04/2023 for information held by NHS North East and North Cumbria Integrated Care Board (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.

Please find the information you requested on behalf of the ICB as follows.

Request

1. Which of your local trusts is delivering hydroxychloroquine retinal screening. If private providers, then please advise which providers.
2. What is their waiting list period for this?
3. How many patients have had their screening completed?
4. How many patients in total require screening?

5. How many screening clinics are performed weekly at the trusts / private providers, offering this. Please state trust name and the number of clinics.
6. If private providers are used what are the agreed tariffs for each aspect of the screening.
7. How many incidents / SIs have been recorded over the last 3 years relating to hydroxychloroquine screening (breakdown per year please)
8. What is the current Glaucoma patient waiting list at each Trust and private provider you manage and contract.
9. How many incidents, near misses or SIs have been recorded relating to glaucoma at each Trust or provider over the last 3 years (breakdown per year please)
10. Are all glaucoma patients risk stratified at each provider / trust. If so what method and categories are they using.
11. How many new glaucoma patients are waiting to be seen.
12. If private providers are used what are the agreed tariffs.
13. How many stable AMD patients are seen at each Trust for monitoring.
14. What is the waiting list at each provider for AMD patients that are stable.
15. How many incidents / SIs have been recorded over the last 3 years relating to AMD care at each Trust (breakdown per year please)
16. If private providers are used what are the agreed tariffs.
17. For all private providers used for ophthalmology can you declare which consultants / Doctors have a financial interest with them that also work for the NHS trusts.

Response

County Durham:

1. County Durham place does not have a hydroxychloroquine retinal screening, and instead uses a monitoring service.
2. In accordance with section 1 of the Act this information cannot be provided as it is not held by NENC ICB. It may be held by South Tyneside and Sunderland NHS Foundation Trust & County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust they can be contacted via email on: stsft.freedomofinformation@nhs.net & cdda-tr.cddffoi@nhs.net respectively.
3. As above.

4. As above.
5. As above.
6. No private providers are commissioned.
7. Please see response to Q2.
8. As above.
9. As above.
10. As above.
11. As above.
12. Nil. However, were independent sector providers used they would be paid via NHS national tariff for services they provide. This can be found on the NHS England website: <https://www.england.nhs.uk/pay-syst/national-tariff/>.
13. Please see response to Q2.
14. As above.
15. As above.
16. Please see response to Q12.
17. In accordance with section 1 of the Act this information cannot be provided as it is not held by NENC ICB. It may be held by the independent sector providers.

Newcastle & Gateshead:

1. Newcastle Gateshead place does not have a hydroxychloroquine retinal screening, and instead uses a monitoring service.
2. In accordance with section 1 of the Act this information cannot be provided as it is not held by NENC ICB. It may be held by Newcastle Upon Tyne Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust who can be contacted via email on: nuth.freedom.information@nhs.net
3. As above.
4. As above.
5. As above.
6. No private providers are commissioned.
7. Please see response to Q2.
8. As above.
9. As above.
10. As above.
11. As above.
12. Nil. However, were Independent sector providers used they would be paid via NHS national tariff for services they provide. This can be found on the NHS England website: <https://www.england.nhs.uk/pay-syst/national-tariff/>.
13. Please see response to Q2.
14. As above.
15. As above.
16. Please see response to Q12.
17. In accordance with section 1 of the Act this information cannot be provided as it is not held by NENC ICB. It may be held by the independent sector providers.

Northumberland:

1. Northumberland place does not have a hydroxychloroquine retinal screening, and instead uses a monitoring service.
2. In accordance with section 1 of the Act this information cannot be provided as it is not held by NENC ICB. It may be held by Newcastle Upon Tyne Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust who can be contacted via email on: nuth.freedom.information@nhs.net
3. As above.
4. As above.
5. As above.
6. No private providers are commissioned.
7. Please see response to Q2.

8. As above.
9. As above.
10. As above.
11. As above.
12. Nil. However, were Independent sector providers used they would be paid via NHS national tariff for services they provide. This can be found on the NHS England website: <https://www.england.nhs.uk/pay-syst/national-tariff/>.
13. Please see response to Q2.
14. As above.
15. As above.
16. Please see response to Q12.
17. In accordance with section 1 of the Act this information cannot be provided as it is not held by NENC ICB. It may be held by the independent sector providers.

North Cumbria:

1. North Cumbria place does not have a hydroxychloroquine retinal screening, and instead uses a monitoring service.
2. In accordance with section 1 of the Act this information cannot be provided as it is not held by NENC ICB. It may be held by North Cumbria Integrated Care NHS Foundation Trust who can be contacted via email on: foirequests@ncic.nhs.uk
3. As above.
4. As above.
5. As above.
6. No private providers are commissioned.
7. Please see response to Q2.
8. As above.
9. As above.
10. As above.
11. As above.
12. Nil. However, were independent sector providers used they would be paid via NHS national tariff for services they provide. This can be found on the NHS England website: <https://www.england.nhs.uk/pay-syst/national-tariff/>.
13. Please see response to Q2.
14. As above.
15. As above.
16. Please see response to Q12.
17. In accordance with section 1 of the Act this information cannot be provided as it is not held by NENC ICB. It may be held by the independent sector providers.

North Tyneside:

1. North Tyneside place does not have a hydroxychloroquine retinal screening, and instead uses a monitoring service.
2. In accordance with section 1 of the Act this information cannot be provided as it is not held by NENC ICB. It may be held by Newcastle Upon Tyne Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust who can be contacted via email on: nuth.freedom.information@nhs.net
3. As above.
4. As above.
5. As above.
6. No private providers are commissioned.
7. Please see response to Q2.
8. As above.
9. As above.
10. As above.
11. As above.

12. Nil. However, were independent sector providers used they would be paid via NHS national tariff for services they provide. This can be found on the NHS England website: <https://www.england.nhs.uk/pay-syst/national-tariff/>.
13. Please see response to Q2.
14. As above.
15. As above.
16. Please see response to Q12.
17. In accordance with section 1 of the Act this information cannot be provided as it is not held by NENC ICB. It may be held by the independent sector providers.

South Tyneside:

1. South Tyneside place does not have a hydroxychloroquine retinal screening, and instead uses a monitoring service.
2. In accordance with section 1 of the Act this information cannot be provided as it is not held by NENC ICB. It may be held by South Tyneside and Sunderland NHS Foundation Trust they can be contacted via email on: stsft.freedomofinformation@nhs.net
3. As above.
4. As above.
5. As above.
6. No private providers are commissioned.
7. Please see response to Q2.
8. As above.
9. As above.
10. As above.
11. As above.
12. Nil. However, were independent sector providers used they would be paid via NHS national tariff for services they provide. This can be found on the NHS England website: <https://www.england.nhs.uk/pay-syst/national-tariff/>.
13. Please see response to Q2.
14. As above.
15. As above.
16. Please see response to Q12.
17. In accordance with section 1 of the Act this information cannot be provided as it is not held by NENC ICB. It may be held by the independent sector providers.

Sunderland:

1. Sunderland place does not have a hydroxychloroquine retinal screening, and instead uses a monitoring service.
2. In accordance with section 1 of the Act this information cannot be provided as it is not held by NENC ICB. It may be held by South Tyneside and Sunderland NHS Foundation Trust they can be contacted via email on: stsft.freedomofinformation@nhs.net
3. As above.
4. As above.
5. As above.
6. No private providers are commissioned.
7. Please see response to Q2.
8. As above.
9. As above.
10. As above.
11. As above.
12. Nil. However, were independent sector providers used they would be paid via NHS national tariff for services they provide. This can be found on the NHS England website: <https://www.england.nhs.uk/pay-syst/national-tariff/>.
13. Please see response to Q2.
14. As above.

15. As above.
16. Please see response to Q12.
17. In accordance with section 1 of the Act this information cannot be provided as it is not held by NENC ICB. It may be held by the independent sector providers.

Tees Valley:

1. SpaMedica.
2. In accordance with section 1 of the Act this information cannot be provided as it is not held by NENC ICB. It may be held by SpaMedica.
3. As above.
4. As above.
5. As above.
6. SpaMedica are paid via NHS national tariff for services they provide. This can be found on the NHS England website: <https://www.england.nhs.uk/pay-syst/national-tariff/>.
7. Please see response to Q2.
8. In accordance with section 1 of the Act this information cannot be provided as it is not held by NENC ICB. It may be held by North Tees & Hartlepool NHS Foundation Trust, South Tees Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, or SpaMedica. The NHS trusts can be contacted on the following emails: North Tees & Hartlepool NHS FT: foi@nth.nhs.uk, South Tees Hospitals NHS FT: foi@stees.nhs.uk.
9. As above.
10. As above.
11. As above
12. Please see response to Q6.
13. As above.
14. As above.
15. As above.
16. Please see response to Q6.
17. Please see response to Q8.

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.gov.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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