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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 on 8 September 2026 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, 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.

Your Request

1. Do you commission teledermatology services? And specifically for Skin cancer assessment?
2. Which provider(s) are contracted?
3. What was the total activity through these services?
4. What was the total annual spend?
5. Which trusts participate in these pathways?
6. Are any procurements, pilots or service expansions planned within the next 24 months?
7. Please provide the name and job title of the senior lead responsible for dermatology commissioning.

Our Response

1. Yes, NENC ICB commissions teledermatology services. These are specifically for skin cancer assessment.

2. Four NHS foundation trusts are commissioned by NENC ICB to provide skin cancer services:

   County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust
   North Cumbria Integrated Care NHS Foundation Trust
   South Tees Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

The Newcastle-upon-Tyne Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

The ICB also contracts an independent sector provider, Ramsay Healthcare.

3. We can confirm, as per Section 1(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, the ICB holds some of the information you have requested. However, activity information and information on referral to treatment and skin cancer waiting times are already available publicly:

   RTT Dashboard – NHS England public data gateway
   Statistics » Referral to Treatment (RTT) Waiting Times
   Statistics » Cancer Waiting Times

   In accordance with s.21 of the FOIA, we are not required to provide information in response to a request if it is reasonably accessible to you by other means.

4. On this occasion it is not possible 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.

   While the ICB holds analysis to dermatology service level, this is not split further to show financial information for teledermatology services.

5. The foundation trusts named in question 2 are commissioned to provide skin cancer services.

   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 FOI contacts for those foundation trusts.

NENC Acute Hospital FTs	Email/Online portal
County Durham and Darlington NHS FT	cdda-tr.cddftfoi@nhs.net
North Cumbria Integrated Care NHS FT	foirequest@cumbria.nhs.uk
South Tees Hospitals NHS FT	stees.foi.admin@nhs.net
The Newcastle upon Tyne Hospitals NHS FT	https://www.newcastle-hospitals.nhs.uk/help/foi/

6. All contracting opportunities and their corresponding documents with NENC ICB are advertised on the Atamis e-tendering platform https://health-family.force.com/s/Welcome as well as the governments Central Digital Platform https://www.gov.uk/find-tender.

   An organisation can register their company details via these platforms to be kept up to date and alerted to opportunities. There are no restrictions under the current regulations for sole traders for taking part in these opportunities.

7. The planned care lead is Paul Turner, paul.turner2@nhs.net who has overall strategic oversight for the commissioning of planned care programmes, including dermatology

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 Information 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 ICB's complaints procedure.

The Information Commissioner can be contacted at Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF or 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 faithfully

Information Governance Support Officer

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