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Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information – NHS North East & North Cumbria Integrated Care Board (ICB)

Thank you for your request received by North of England Commissioning Support (NECS) on 06 January 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.

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.

Details of Request and Response

Please could you provide the following data under the Freedom of Information Act:

- A. The expenditure by the ICB and its predecessor Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) on the purchase of cataract operations for the financial years 2018-19; 2019-2020; 2020-21

Please note the FT figures are indicative as they've been on block contracts since covid, and there was a period of time where the CCGs didn't contract with the IS Providers as they were contracted nationally.

2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
£ 14,622,696	£ 18,418,133	£ 11,038,135

- B. The amount of total expenditure on the purchase of cataract operations by the ICB and its predecessor CCGs from independent non-NHS providers for the financial years 2018-19; 2019-2020; 2020-21.

2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
£ 1,892,298	£ 2,734,643	£ 2,767,363

- C. The amount of total expenditure on the purchase of cataract operations by the ICB and its predecessor CCGs from NHS Trusts for the financial years 2018-19; 2019-2020; 2020-21.

2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
£ 12,730,398	£ 15,683,489	£ 8,270,771

- D. The number of cataract operations purchased by the ICB and its predecessor CCGs for the financial years 2018-19; 2019-2020; 2020-21 from a) NHS Trusts b) independent non-NHS providers

Please refer to Appendix A attached: -



Appendix A.xlsx

- E. The source of the referrals for the cataract operations purchased by the ICB and its predecessor CCGs in the independent non-NHS sector the financial years 2018-19; 2019-2020; 2020-21.

Information not held; you will need to redirect this part of your request to the providers of the service.

- F. (For clarification I am interested in a) the percentage of the referrals for cataract surgery which were made by a GP or by an optometrist b) the company or organisation which made the largest number of referrals for cataract surgery in the independent non-NHS sector for each of the years cited above).

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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
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Yours sincerely

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