



North East and North Cumbria

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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 5 June 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 writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information from North East and North Cumbria ICB. Please may you provide me with the information for the following:

1. What is the current commissioning policy at North East and North Cumbria ICB for implantable cardiac monitoring; and please could you share a copy of this policy?
2. Has North East and North Cumbria ICB formally reviewed and had meetings regarding the implementation of the DG41 NICE Guidance that supports the use of implantable cardiac monitors to prevent secondary cryptogenic stroke and increase the detection of atrial fibrillation in people who have had a cryptogenic stroke?
3. Please could you share the minutes related to these meetings?

Please provide the information electronically. If it is not possible to provide the information requested, please provide advice and assistance, as to how I can refine my request.

Our Response

1. North East and North Cumbria ICB does not hold the information you requested. We would advise you to redirect your query to the Cardiac Clinical Network via NHS England. The Freedom of Information email is england.contactus@nhs.net please write "Freedom of Information" in the subject line.
2. NENC ICB has not formally reviewed, nor had meetings to discuss implementation of DG41 NICE Guidance.
3. Following the response to question 2, there are no meeting minutes to share.

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
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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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