

Our Reference North East and North Cumbria ICB\
FOI ICB 24-050

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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 29 April 2024 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

Please can you provide the following information for the **community dental service(s) your organisation is responsible for the period 6th April 2023 to 5th April 2024 unless otherwise stated.**

1. Was your organisation responsible for a community dental service*?

**By community dental service we mean a service that provides dental care in community settings to children and vulnerable adults, including elderly and housebound people, people with physical disabilities or mental illness.*

Yes, we were responsible for a community dental service. Please continue to Question 2.

No, we were not responsible for a community dental service. Please provide the name of the organisation that provides this service in your geographical area. You do not need to respond to the remainder of the questions in this FOIA request.

2. For each band, please enter the relevant number corresponding to the column and row labels.

****By WTE we mean 'whole time equivalent'. This is the total hours worked by all dentists divided by average hours worked by a full-time dentist. Please write '0' if there are no staff at a specific band.**

Band	Currently (today) how many dentists are employed by the community dental service(s) you are responsible for under Salaried primary dental care terms and conditions:		Bank dentists	Locum dentists	Currently how many dentist positions are vacant:	Between 6 th April 2023 to 5 th April 2024 how many (headcount):		
	Headcount	WTE**	Headcount	Headcount	Headcount	Posts became vacant.	Vacant posts were advertised.	Vacant posts were filled. Please do not include partially filled positions
Band A								
Band B								
Band C Clinical								
Band C Managerial								
Band C Clinical Managerial:								
Other dentist:								

3. For each grade please enter the relevant number corresponding to the column and row labels.

*****By WTE we mean 'whole time equivalent'. This is the total hours worked by all dentists divided by average hours worked by a full-time dentist. Please write '0' if there are no staff at a specific grade.**

Grade	Currently (today), how many dentists are employed on each of the given grades by your organisation on Hospital Medical and Dental Contracts and who perform:	
	Headcount	WTE***
Dental Core Trainee (DCT/SHO):		
Specialty Trainee (StR)		
Staff and Associate Specialist grades		
Consultant		

4. How many courses of treatment has the community dental service(s) you are responsible for provided in the 6th April 2023 to 5th April 2024 year?

Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Our Response

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.

The North East and North Cumbria ICB is the responsible commissioner for the community dental services and has block contracts with the following NHS Foundation Trusts (FTs) for the delivery of this service:

- County Durham and Darlington NHS FT
- North Cumbria Integrated Care FT
- North Tees & Hartlepool NHS FT
- Northumbria Healthcare NHS FT
- South Tyneside and Sunderland NHS FT (one contract for each of the three areas covered – Gateshead, South Tyneside and Sunderland)
- The Newcastle upon Tyne Hospitals NHS FT

The ICB does not hold the detailed staffing information requested as part of this FOI request – this level of detail would need to be obtained directly from the Trusts listed above.

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 email addresses for those acute hospitals to make your request.

NENC Acute Hospital FTs	Email
County Durham & Darlington NHS FT	cdda-tr.cddftfoi@nhs.net
North Cumbria Integrated Care NHS FT	foirequest@cumbria.nhs.uk
North Tees & Hartlepool NHS FT	foi@nth.nhs.uk
Northumbria Healthcare NHS FT	foi@northumbria.nhs.uk
South Tyneside and Sunderland NHS FT	stsft.freedomofinformation@nhs.net
The Newcastle Upon Tyne Hospitals NHS FT	nuth.freedom.information@nhs.net

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

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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