

Our Reference North East and North Cumbria ICB\  
FOI ICB 24–173

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By Email

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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 18 July 2024 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, Gateshead, Newcastle, North Cumbria, North Tyneside, Northumberland, South Tyneside, Sunderland, and Tees Valley (which covers the five local authorities of Darlington, Hartlepool, Middlesbrough, Redcar and Cleveland and Stockton-on-Tees).

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

**Your Request**

**Current Beds**

1. In your ICB area:
  - a. How many CAMHS Tier 4 beds are commissioned? Please give figures for each year from 2020 – 2024.
  - b. How many CAMHS patients were admitted informally to Tier 4 beds? Please give figures for each year from 2020 – 2024
  - c. How many CAMHS patients living have been placed out of area<sup>[1]</sup>? Please give figures for each year from 2020 – 2024.
  - d. How many CAMHS patients have been admitted to an adult psychiatric ward? Please give figures for each year from 2020 – 2024.
  - e. How many CAMHS patients have been admitted to a physical health ward due to a lack of availability of a Tier 4 bed in your provider collaborative area? Please give figures for each year from 2020 – 2024 and specify whether the bed was an adult or child physical health ward.

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<sup>[1]</sup> More than 50km away

## Access Assessments

2. We understand that access to CAMHS Tier 4 inpatient services is by way of an Access Assessment. Please provide details of the policy and procedure for carrying out CAMHS Tier 4 access assessments, together with any further documents pertaining to Access Assessments.
3. Is there currently a waitlist for Access Assessments and if so, how many people are on the wait list in your ICB area?
4. Have any Mental Health Act assessments, where it has been determined that the child needs compulsory detention, been overridden by access assessments in your ICB? Please give figures for each year from 2020 – 2024.

## Our Response

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 as NENC does not commission Tier 4 beds.

However, we have determined that the information is the commissioner of Tier 4 CAMHS bed provision and can be contacted on [england.contactus@nhs.net](mailto:england.contactus@nhs.net). Please write "Freedom of Information" in the subject line.

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](http://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](http://www.legislation.gov.uk) . This will not affect your initial information request.

Yours sincerely

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