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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 2 September 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 would like information on shared care agreements in general practice within your district, and therefore would be grateful if you would answer the following questions:

1. Have you issued any guidance to GP practices regarding signing shared care agreements for the prescribing of medication for adult ADHD?
2. Has your organisation implemented any formal (or informal) policy changes regarding GPs signing shared care agreements for the prescribing of medication adult ADHD?
3. Do you have any documented guidelines or protocols in place that outline the approach GPs should take regarding signing shared care agreements for the prescribing of medication for adult ADHD?
4. Can you provide any records indicating discussions, decisions, or considerations related to the provision of medication for adult ADHD?
5. Can you provide correspondence, meeting minutes, or any other relevant documentation discussing the provision of medication for adults with ADHD?
6. Have there been any complaints or concerns raised by healthcare professionals, staff, or patients regarding the limited provision of care for adults with ADHD?

Our Response

The response below is on behalf of all of NHS North East and North Cumbria Integrated Care Board, unless otherwise stated.

1. Shared care agreements are approved for NENC ICB and are available at: [North East and North Cumbria Formulary \(northeastnorthcumbriaformulary.nhs.uk\)](https://www.northeastnorthcumbriaformulary.nhs.uk). The agreements themselves contain information about how they should be implemented, including signing by GPs.

Agreements for Cumbria, Northumberland, Tyne & Wear NHS FT (CNTW) for Sunderland and South Tyneside:



Sunderland and
South Tyneside - ADH

Agreements for CNTW covering North of Tyne: [Adult ADHD Shared Care \(extended March 2024\)](#)

Agreements for Tees, Esk & Wear Valley NHS FT (TEWV), covering County Durham and Tees Valley, can be accessed at the trust's website using the link <https://www.tewv.nhs.uk/about/publications/?search=&category=all&topic=pharmacy>

2. No policy changes have been implemented regarding signing shared care protocols for ADHD.
3. Regional Drug and Therapeutics Centre have published guidance regarding transfer of care requests to GPs from private providers, including those under shared care agreements. The link is [Transfer of prescribing from private provider to NHS GP – RDTC of prescribing from private provider to NHS GP – RDTC](#)

Memo issued to GP practices by County Durham Medicines Optimisation team:



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Care Prescribing - Pri

Memo issued to GP practices by Sunderland Medicines Optimisation team:



MEMO Shared Care
Prescribing - Private F

4. Sunderland South Tyneside Area Prescribing minutes are shown below:



STS APC minutes 2nd
June 21 DRAFT.docx



ST&S APC minutes
Dec 2020 FINAL.docx

The Tees, Esk & Wear Valley NHS FT (TEWV) adult ADHD algorithm last went to CD&T APC in July 2021. APC Minutes at <https://medicines.necsu.nhs.uk/committees/county-durham-tees-valley-apc/>

Newcastle have had discussions re: shared care for drugs commonly prescribed by mental health specialists at CNTW which included ADHD drugs. Minutes attached:



Shared Care Focus
Group 15.08.docx

5. No other minutes or correspondence is available that NENC ICB is aware of.

6. For NENC ICB, during the period April 2022 to July 2023, there were 15 complaints or concerns raised by healthcare professionals, staff, or patients regarding the limited provision of care for adults with ADHD.

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
Cheshire
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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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