

Our Reference North East and North Cumbria ICB\
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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 26 February 2025 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

I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act to request information regarding the provision of inclisiran within your ICB.

Specifically, I would be grateful if you could provide answers to the following questions:

1. Currently, is there a Locally Enhanced Service (LES) scheme active for Inclisiran within your ICB? If yes, please provide the start date of the LES.
2. Has there previously been a LES for Inclisiran within your ICB that is no longer active? If yes, please provide the time period when the LES was in place (start and end dates).
3. Does your ICB provide any other form of financial incentive for Inclisiran (besides a LES)? If so, please briefly describe the nature of the incentive.

Our Response

We can confirm, as per Section 1(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, the ICB does hold the information requested.

County Durham place

1. County Durham ICB place has a local scheme; however, it does not include Inclisiran.
2. No, there has not been a LES for Inclisiran within your ICB that is no longer active.
3. No, the ICB in County Durham does not provide any other form of financial incentive for Inclisiran (besides a LES).

Newcastle Gateshead place

Newcastle and Gateshead does do not have a LES or have ever had a LES that includes this.

North Cumbria place

1. North Cumbria ICB place has no local scheme to include Inclisiran.
2. Please refer to the response to question 1.
3. Please refer to the response to question 1.

North Tyneside and Northumberland place

1. North Tyneside and Northumberland ICB place has no local scheme to include Inclisiran.
2. Please refer to the response to question 1.
3. Please refer to the response to question 1.

South Tyneside and Sunderland place

1. South Tyneside and Sunderland ICB place has no local scheme to include Inclisiran.
2. Please refer to the response to question 1.
3. Please refer to the response to question 1.

Tees Valley place

1. There is not a specific LES active within Tees Valley for Inclisarin. Inclisarin is a 'green formulary drug' and so can be initiated and prescribed in primary care and would therefore fall under the wider local improvement scheme [LIS] under the injections that are not already included in an alternative scheme/ contracted service heading. The LIS is contracted for every year.
2. There has not been a previous or specific LES for inclisarin within Tees Valley.
3. There are no additional financial incentives for inclisarin within Tees Valley out with the existing LIS arrangements.

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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