



North East and North Cumbria

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ICB FOI 445

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By Email

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 05 July 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

Please send me the following information from your NHS Standard Contract for Termination of Pregnancy:

1. What is the current contract end date?
2. When did your organisation, or predecessor organisation(s), last tender (put out to procurement) its Termination of Pregnancy (abortion) services?
3. If the contract for these services has been renewed without re-tendering, how many times has it been renewed and when was the last time?
4. Are there any plans currently under development or in place to tender for this service? (Please supply minutes/notes of any relevant meetings or decision-making processes, policies etc.)

5. How do you envisage Integrated Care Systems affecting how you commission termination of pregnancy services?
6. How much do you currently pay for Termination of Pregnancy procedures?
7. Who is the current provider/s for termination of pregnancy services?
8. What is the current annual contract value?
9. Who is the current commissioning manager (name and email address)?

Our Response

- 1) 31st March 2024 for all TOPS contracts. TOPS provision is included in the main Foundation Trust contracts renewed annually as part of the overall contract.
- 2) 2016 for Newcastle, Gateshead, North Tyneside, Sunderland, South Tyneside, and County Durham
2022 for Tees Valley
North Cumbria is an associate to the North West provider contracts per Q7 below. North Cumbria including its predecessor organisation has not gone out to procurement directly for TOP.
- 3) Renewed without re-tendering twice, most recently 1st April 2023 for all areas.
- 4) No decision has been agreed to date to go out to tender. However, the ICB has conducted market engagement during June 2023. [NECS466 Termination of Pregnancy Service \(TOPS\) for and on behalf of NHS North East and North Cumbria Integrated Care Board - Contracts Finder](#)
- 5) This question does not fall within the scope of the FOIA because it is a request for opinion.
- 6) Please see below.

16C = Tees Valley, 84H = County Durham, 13T = Newcastle and Gateshead, 00L = Northumberland, 00N = South Tyneside, 00P = Sunderland.

Tariff information for North Cumbria is not held by NECS.

Service	16C	84H	13T	99C	00L	00N	00P
ToP	LOCAL TARIFF INC 23/24 NATIONAL UPLIFT (1.8%)						
Consultation TOP	£ 170	£ 81.39	£ 82.61	£ 82.61	£ 82.61	£ 81.54	£ 82.61
Consultation TOP (Telephone)	£ 170	£ 81.39	£ 82.61	£ 82.61	£ 82.61	£ 81.54	£ 82.61
EMA (0 to 10 wks)	£ 262	£ 432.92	£ 435.04	£ 435.04	£ 435.04	£ 433.79	£ 435.04
LA/CS Surgical (up to 14+6 wks)	£ 880	£ 506.72	£ 501.13	£ 501.13	£ 501.13	£ -	£ 501.13
Conscious Sedation Surgical (up to 14+6wks)	£ 880	£ 506.72	£ 501.13	£ 501.13	£ 501.13	£ -	£ 501.13
GA Surgical (up to 14+6 wks)	£ 880	£ 506.72	£ 506.63	£ 506.63	£ 506.63	£ -	£ 506.63
Surgical (15 to 18+6 wks)	£ 895	£ 808.35	£ 804.00	£ 804.00	£ 804.00	£ -	£ 804.00
Surgical (19 to 23+6 wks)	£ 1,600	£ 1,681.82	£ 1,679.59	£ 1,679.59	£ 1,679.59	£ -	£ 1,679.59

- 7) BPAS for Newcastle, Gateshead, North Tyneside, Sunderland, South Tyneside, Tees Valley and County Durham.
North Cumbria are associates to the Lancashire and South Cumbria AQP contracts with BPAS, MSI Reproductive Choices and NUPAS.
North Tees and Hartlepool Foundation Trust
County Durham and Darlington Foundation Trust
Newcastle upon Tyne Hospitals Foundation Trust
Gateshead Healthcare Foundation Trust
South Tyneside and Sunderland Foundation Trust
Northumbria Healthcare Foundation Trust
North Cumbria Integrated Care Foundation Trust
South Tees Hospitals Foundation Trust

8) *Total indicative contract values of £3.07m for 23/24 for non-FT contracts. No guaranteed volumes of activity.*

All activity undertaken by FTs is included in their annual block contract values and cannot be separated out.

9) *Please see contact details for each place ICB area here -*

<https://northeastnorthcumbria.nhs.uk/about-us/contact-us/>

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
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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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