



North East and North Cumbria

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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 8 October 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 am submitting this request, on my behalf, under the Freedom of Information Act and the Code of Practice on Openness in the NHS. Please confirm the ICB holds the following data, and where it is held please provide the data as requested.

1. Please provide the names of all providers of pain clinics in the ICB over the past two NHS financial years.
2. For each provider, please share the service specification that is (or was) in place.
3. For each provider, please state the role of the clinician who leads (i.e. is clinically responsible for) the service. I am not interested in personally identifiable information, I am interested in the position, e.g. consultant anaesthetist.
4. For each provider, please provide the total number of referrals received in NHS Financial Year 2022/23.
5. For each provider, please provide the total number of referrals received in NHS Financial Year 2023/24 YTD (please also provide the cut-off date for this data).
6. For each provider, please state how many of the referrals in NHS Financial Year 2023/24 YTD were made through the e-referral system (eRS).
7. For each provider, please provide the total number of patients who started treatment in NHS Financial Year 2022/23.

8. For each provider, please provide the total number of patients who started treatment in NHS Financial Year 2023/24 YTD (please provide the cut-off date for this data).
9. For each provider, please provide the total amount the ICB paid for pain services in NHS Financial Year 2022/23.
10. For each provider, please provide the total amount the ICB paid for pain services in NHS Financial Year 2023/24 YTD (please provide the cut-off date for this data).
11. For each provider, please provide the current size of the waiting list (e.g. 100 patients).
12. For each provider, please provide the current median and mean waiting time.

Our Response

County Durham place

1. The providers are Connect Health Pain Services Ltd and County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust (CDDFT)
2. The service specifications in place are:



NECSD0205- Pain Management Program



NECSD0206- Community Persistent Pain Management Ser



Specialist Persistent Pain Management Ser

The information requested for questions 3 to 12 is not held at County Durham place. Please redirect your request to Connect Health Pain Services Ltd and CDDFT.

Gateshead place

NENC ICB does not hold this information at Gateshead place. Please redirect your query to Gateshead Health NHS FT.

Newcastle place

NENC ICB does not hold this information at Newcastle place. Please redirect your query to The Newcastle Upon Tyne Hospitals NHS FT.

North Cumbria place

NENC ICB does not hold this information at North Cumbria place. North Cumbria Integrated Care NHS FT (NCIC) provide local pain clinics and there is no specific specification in place. Please redirect your query to NCIC.

North Tyneside place

1. Tyneside Surgical Services are the providers of pain clinics in North Tyneside place.
2. The encompassing service specification refers to pain management, however there is not a separate service specification for this specialty. The service offer includes the following conditions:
 - Spinal Pain
 - Headaches
 - Radiculopathy
 - Post Surgical Pain
 - Thoracic Pain
 - Diabetic Neuropathy
 - Complex Regional Pain Syndrome (CRPS)
 - A pain with a history of 3 months or more
 - Fibromyalgia
 - Osteoarthritis/Joint Pain
 - Groin/testicular pain
3. There are 4 pain consultants offering new patient consultations; specific roles are not split out.

- NENC ICB does not hold this information at North Tyneside place. Please redirect your query to the service provider noted in the question 1 response.

The information requested for questions 5 to 12 is not held at North Tyneside place. Please redirect your request to Tyneside Surgical Services.

Northumberland place

NENC ICB does not hold this information at Northumberland place. Please redirect your query to Northumbria Healthcare NHS FT.

South Tyneside place

NENC ICB does not hold this information at South Tyneside place. Please redirect your query to South Tyneside and Sunderland NHS FT.

Sunderland place

- South Tyneside and Sunderland NHS FT (STSFT) is the provider of pain clinics in Sunderland place.
- The ICB does not have a service specification for this service.
- The clinician is Consultant in Anaesthetics and Pain Management
- NENC ICB in Sunderland does not hold this level of information. This will need to be sourced from STSFT.
- See response to question 4.
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- £147,071 which is an estimated based on national block contract arrangements for the NHS Foundation Trusts
- £149,718 which is an estimate of the FYE for 2023/24 based on national block contract arrangements for NHS Foundation Trusts
- See response to question 4.
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Tees Valley place

- North Tees & Hartlepool NHS FT and South Tees Hospitals NHS FT are secondary care providers that deliver pain clinics. There are low level intervention services in the community as part of MSK/Pain iSPA models.
- Service specifications are shown below:



NTHFT Pain Spec.doc STHFT Pain Spec.docx

NENC ICB in Tees Valley does not hold the information requested for questions 3 to 12. Please redirect your query to the Foundation Trusts noted in the response to question 1.

In order to assist you in redirecting your query, please find a list of acute hospitals trusts in the North East and North Cumbria, along with their FOI email addresses.

| NENC Acute Hospital FTs | Email |
|--|------------------------------------|
| County Durham & Darlington NHS FT | cdda-tr.cddftfoi@nhs.net |
| Gateshead Health NHS FT | ghnt.foi.enquiries@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 Tees Hospitals NHS FT | foi@stees.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 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
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Yours sincerely

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