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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 on 18 December 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, Newcastle Gateshead, North Cumbria, North Tyneside, Northumberland, South Tyneside, Sunderland, and Tees Valley.

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

Your Request

I have been asked to request the policies you have in place regarding the following: CDDFT Escalation Policy.

After contacted the policy department of County Durham and Darlington Foundation Trust, they provided me with the following information:

The Trust follows the ICB Maternity and Neonatal Regional Escalation Policy. This is owned by NHS North East and North Cumbria Integrated Care Board (ICB) / North of England Commissioning Support (NECS) and they should therefore be the first point of contact for this information. If you wish to contact them, we would advise, in accordance with Section 16 of the Act (duty to provide advice and assistance), that you contact the organisation via the following address: NHS North East and North Cumbria ICB, Pemberton House, Colima Avenue, SUNDERLAND, SR5 3XB. FOI mailbox: nencicb.foi@nhs.net

Could you please forward the most up to date ICB Maternity and Neonatal Regional Escalation Policy, but if that policy has been updated after 05/02/2025, could you please also add the one that was valid at 05/02/2025.

Our Response

We can confirm, as per Section 1(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, the ICB holds some of the information you have requested. However, this is available on the North East and North Cumbria Local Maternity and Neonatal System website [Maternity and Neonatal Escalation Policy – Local Maternity Systems Northern England Local Maternity Systems Northern England](#)

In accordance with s.21 of the FOIA, we are not required to provide information in response to a request if it is reasonably accessible to you by other means.

This policy was updated on 17 April 2025, therefore the previous version is attached.

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 Information 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 ICB's complaints procedure.

The Information Commissioner can be contacted at Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF or 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 faithfully

Information Governance Support Officer

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