



# North East and North Cumbria

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Applicant  
By Email

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 13/12/23 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**

- 1. Does your ICB commission Tier 3 weight management services?**
- 2. If yes:**
  - a. In the last financial year how much did your ICB spend on Tier 3 weight management services?**
  - b. Which provider(s) is commissioned to provide the Tier 3 services?**
  - c. How many patients are your Tier 3 services commissioned to provide care for?**
  - d. Are your Tier 3 services face-to-face only, or do you commission a digital-only weight management service?**
- 3. If no, what plans do you have in place to commission Tier 3 services for 2024/25?**

**4. Who in your organisation would be responsible for the commissioning of weight management services and/or diabetes? Please provide name, position, and contact details where possible.**

**Our Response**

Many of these questions have been answered in previous FOI responses for ease we have included these in the response and have not exempted them under the Section 21 of the FOIA "Information accessible to applicant by other means". In future you may wish to consult NENC ICB's publication scheme & disclosure log prior to submitting a request. These can be found at:

Disclosure log (previous requests): [Disclosure Log | North East and North Cumbria NHS \(northeastnorthcumbria.nhs.uk\)](https://northeastnorthcumbria.nhs.uk/disclosure-log)

Publication scheme: [Publications | North East and North Cumbria NHS \(northeastnorthcumbria.nhs.uk\)](https://northeastnorthcumbria.nhs.uk/publications)

1. Yes.

2. Please see below:

- a. **County Durham:** This service is provided by County Durham and Darlington NHS FT (CDDFT). Expenditure is part of a block payment. This is included within the block contract arrangement; total value is not disaggregated, and no specific service line is available.

**Gateshead:** This is provided by Oviva for 2022/23 as part of a non-recurring contract. The contract term is 10 months 8 days, and the value is £425,000.

**Newcastle:** This service is provided by Newcastle-upon-Tyne Hospitals NHS FT (NuTH); expenditure is part of a block payment. This is included within the block contract arrangement; total value is not disaggregated, and no specific service line is available.

**North Cumbria:** £300k. Block arrangement. The block value is included within the overall block for all services provided to the ICB by North Cumbria Integrated Care NHS FT (NCIC). Tier 3 block was calculated from actual costs of service provision. Overall NCIC block contract includes all acute and community services commissioned by the ICB from NCIC.

**North Tyneside:** Northumbria Healthcare NHS FT (NHCFT) provide Tier 3 weight management service for North Tyneside patients. This is included within the block contract arrangement; total value is not disaggregated, and no specific service line is available.

**Northumberland:** Northumbria Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust (NHCFT) provide Tier 3 weight management service for Northumberland patients. This is included within the block contract arrangement; total value is not disaggregated, and no specific service line is available.

**South Tyneside:** The provider of a Specialist Tier 3 Weight Management Service is South Tyneside and Sunderland NHS FT (STSFT) for South

Tyneside sub-ICB place. There is a block arrangement in place. 22/23 expenditure was £66,873 based on NHS payment scheme.

**Sunderland:** The provider of a Specialist Tier 3 Weight Management Service is South Tyneside and Sunderland NHS FT for Sunderland sub-ICB place. The service is not commissioned to provide a specific number of places, patients are referred by GPs into the service. 22/23 expenditure was £251,612.

**Tees Valley:** South Tees Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust (STHFT) provides Tier 3 weight management service for Tees Valley patients and covers Middlesbrough, Redcar, Hartlepool and Stockton. There is a block contract arrangement in place. 22/23 expenditure was £502,812.

- b. Please see providers listed in response to question 2a.
- c. On this occasion it is not possible to provide the requested information. In line with your rights under section 1(1)(a) of the Act to be informed whether information is held, we confirm the ICB does not hold any of the information requested. You may wish to redirect your request to the below organisations who may hold the requested information:

<b>NENC Acute Hospital FTs</b>	<b>Email</b>
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	foirequests@ncic.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

- d. **County Durham:** On this occasion it is not possible to provide the requested information. In line with your rights under section 1(1)(a) of the Act to be informed whether information is held, we confirm the ICB does not hold any of the information requested. You may wish to redirect your request to County Durham and Darlington NHS FT who may hold this information. Please see response to question 2c for the contact details.

**Gateshead:** On this occasion it is not possible to provide the requested information. In line with your rights under section 1(1)(a) of the Act to be informed whether information is held, we confirm the ICB does not hold any of the information requested. You may wish to redirect your request to Gateshead Health NHS FT who may hold this information. Please see response to question 2c for the contact details.

**Newcastle:** On this occasion it is not possible to provide the requested information. In line with your rights under section 1(1)(a) of the Act to be informed whether information is held, we confirm the ICB does not hold any of the information requested. You may wish to redirect your request to The

Newcastle Upon Tyne Hospitals NHS FT who may hold this information. Please see response to question 2c for the contact details.

**North Cumbria:** Face to face only.

**North Tyneside:** On this occasion it is not possible to provide the requested information. In line with your rights under section 1(1)(a) of the Act to be informed whether information is held, we confirm the ICB does not hold any of the information requested. You may wish to redirect your request to Northumbria Healthcare NHS FT who may hold this information. Please see response to question 2c for the contact details.

**Northumberland:** On this occasion it is not possible to provide the requested information. In line with your rights under section 1(1)(a) of the Act to be informed whether information is held, we confirm the ICB does not hold any of the information requested. You may wish to redirect your request to Northumbria Healthcare NHS FT who may hold this information. Please see response to question 2c for the contact details.

**South Tyneside:** Face to face & digital services are used.

**Sunderland:** Face to face & digital services are used.

**Tees Valley:** Face to face & digital services are used.

3. N/A – ICB currently commissioning tier 3 weight management services.
4. **IMPORTANT NOTE ON RESPONSE:** The emails provided in this response are to be handled in accordance with The Privacy and Electronic Communications Regulations (PECR). The data provided does not meet the requirements for business-to-business marketing. UK General Data Protection Regulation (UK GDPR) and the Data Protection Act 2018 specifies that individual(s) named do not have to give their consent to be contacted for marketing purposes. Any contact for marketing purposes will be considered unsolicited marketing and will, therefore, constitute a breach of data protection law and may be reported to the Information Commissioner's Office.

**County Durham:** Neil Jarvis, Deputy Director of Place/ Head of Integrated Commissioning. [nencicb-cd.commissioningsupport@nhs.net](mailto:nencicb-cd.commissioningsupport@nhs.net)

**Gateshead:** Neil Bunney, Primary Care Portfolio Manager, [nencicb-ng.gatesheaddeliveryteam@nhs.net](mailto:nencicb-ng.gatesheaddeliveryteam@nhs.net)

**Newcastle:** There is no one individual in charge of commissioning Tier 3 weight management services. The team can be contacted on: [nencicb-ng.collaborativenewcastle@nhs.net](mailto:nencicb-ng.collaborativenewcastle@nhs.net)

**North Cumbria:** Sharon Kelly, Head of Commissioning, [nencicb-cu.commissioning@nhs.net](mailto:nencicb-cu.commissioning@nhs.net)

**North Tyneside:** Steve Rundle, Head of Commissioning, [steve.rundle@nhs.net](mailto:steve.rundle@nhs.net)

**Northumberland:** Tara Twigg-Robson, Commissioning Manager, [tara.twigg-robson@nhs.net](mailto:tara.twigg-robson@nhs.net)

**South Tyneside:** Matt Thubron, Associate Director Sunderland, [matt.thubron@nhs.net](mailto:matt.thubron@nhs.net)

**Sunderland:** Matt Thubron, Associate Director Sunderland. [matt.thubron@nhs.net](mailto:matt.thubron@nhs.net)

**Tees Valley:** Katie McLeod, Head of Commissioning and Strategy, [necsu.adultcommissioning@nhs.net](mailto:necsu.adultcommissioning@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  
Cheshire  
SK9 5AF

[www.ico.org.uk](http://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](http://www.legislation.gov.uk) . This will not affect your initial information request.

Yours sincerely

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