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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 2 July 2024 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**

1. Do you have a Local Enhanced Services (LES) or Directed Enhanced Service (DES) in place for Primary Care related to wound care?
2. If yes:
  1. When was the LES/DES last reviewed/updated?
  2. When is the LES/DES due to be reviewed/updated?
  3. Does the LES/DES include postoperative wound management? Y/N
  4. Does the LES/DES include traumatic wounds e.g. trauma and skin tears? Y/N
  5. Does the LES/DES include complex wound care? Y/N If yes:
3. If no:
  - a. Who manages complex wound care for non-housebound patients?
  - b. Does the LES/DES include pressure ulcer prevention or pressure ulcer wound care? Y/N
  - c. Do you have any primary care led wound clinics?

**Our Response**

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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.

#### County Durham place

1. Do you have a Local Enhanced Services (LES) or Directed Enhanced Service (DES) in place for Primary Care related to wound care? YES
2. As the response to question 1, was yes:
  - a. LES/DES was last reviewed/updated in March 2024
  - b. LES/DES due to be reviewed/updated in March 2025
  - c. The LES/DES does include postoperative wound management.
  - d. The LES/DES does include traumatic wounds e.g. trauma and skin tears, or minor injuries depending on the severity.
  - e. The LES/DES includes complex wound care, with support from the trust tissue viability team if/where required for 4 layer dressings/complex cases.

Practices are required to undertake the following:

- Suture/Clip Removal
- Swab/Wound Care (excluding for sexual health services)
- Initial and follow up wound dressings, suture removal & prescribing
- Administration of LMWH as recommended by secondary care
- Leg ulcer treatment
- Compression Bandaging
- 2- and 4-Layer Dressings (working with CDDFT specialist nurses)

Practices carry out regular dressing clinics with the exception of patients requiring dressing on Sundays (on Sundays patients attend local UTC).

3. The ICB at County Durham place does have a LES/DES in place.

#### Newcastle Gateshead place

1. Wound care is included in our LES – supporting Transfers of Care (Newcastle and Gateshead). The service will include simple wound care (to include simple leg ulcer management, suture removal, dressings). Patients who are referred from secondary care will contact their GP practice and ask to make an appointment to be seen by the Practice Nurse for their procedure.
2. As the response to question 1, was yes:
  - a. Last reviewed/updated in March 2024
  - b. Due to be reviewed/updated in March 2025.
  - c. The LES/DES does not include postoperative wound management.
  - d. The LES/DES does not include traumatic wounds e.g. trauma and skin tears.
  - e. The LES/DES does not include complex wound care.
3. Responses to question 3:
  - a. Both Newcastle and Gateshead have wound care clinics delivered via community services directorate.
  - b. The LES/DES does not include pressure ulcer prevention or pressure ulcer wound care.
  - c. There are no primary care led wound clinics.

#### North Cumbria place

1. There is no Local Enhanced Services (LES) or Directed Enhanced Service (DES) in place for Primary Care related to wound care in North Cumbria ICB place.
2. Please refer to the response to question 1.
3. There is no service in place:
  - a. Some patients managed within practices, some by community nursing services.
  - b. Please refer to the response to question 3a
  - c. There is one clinic (historically funded) in Workington for patients registered with Workington practices only.

#### North Tyneside and Northumberland places

1. There is no Local Enhanced Services (LES) or Directed Enhanced Service (DES) in place for Primary Care related to wound care in North Tyneside and Northumberland ICB places.
2. Please refer to the response to question 1.
3. There is no service in place:
  - a. Community nursing team with Northumbria Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust.
  - b. Please refer to the response to question 3a.
  - c. There are no wound care clinics in North Tyneside and Northumberland ICB places.

#### South Tyneside and Sunderland places

1. There is no Local Enhanced Services (LES) or Directed Enhanced Service (DES) in place for Primary Care related to wound care in South Tyneside and Sunderland ICB places.
2. Please refer to the response to question 1.
3. There is no service in place:
  - a. South Tyneside and Sunderland NHS Foundation Trust manages complex wound care.
  - b. Please refer to the response to question 3a.
  - c. There are no wound care clinics in South Tyneside and Sunderland ICB places.

#### Tees Valley place

1. Wound care is one element within the enhanced treatment section within the Local Improvement Scheme
2. The last review was March 2024, and the next review is March 2025. Wound care elements include:
  - Initial and follow up wound dressings
  - Leg ulcer treatment
  - Compression bandaging
  - 2- and 4-layer dressing
  - Doppler Assessment/ABPI (excluding diabetes foot checks)
  - Suture/clip removal
  - Swab/wound care (excluding sexual health services)
3. Please refer to the response to question 1.

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:

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Yours sincerely

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