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**Freedom of Information Act 2000 - Request for Information – NHS North East & North Cumbria Integrated Care Board (ICB)**

Thank you for your request received by North of England Commissioning Support (NECS) on 14 October 2022 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.

For information Clinical Commissioning Groups ceased to exist on 30 June 2022. Services that were previously delivered by the CCG are now being delivered by the successor organisation NHS North East and North Cumbria (ICB). This covers the areas of County Durham, Newcastle Gateshead, North Cumbria, North Tyneside, Northumberland, South Tyneside, Sunderland and Tees Valley.

**Details of Request**

I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 on behalf of Crohn's & Colitis UK to request the following information:

Do you have a clear pathway in primary care for the investigation of non-cancer related lower gastrointestinal symptoms that include the use of faecal calprotectin tests?

If so, I would appreciate if you are able to share any details you may have.

**Response**

**North Cumbria Locality**

*North Cumbria have a number of pathways that utilise faecal calprotectin in Primary Care. These are housed on our Community Health Pathways site.  
The pathways which include the use of faecal calprotectin are:*

*Colorectal symptoms*

*Acute abdominal pain in adults  
Inflammatory bowel disease  
Irritable bowel disease.*

*These pathways are widely available for use for all Primary Care staff and for hospital and community staff as well via the Health Pathways site.*

### **Tees Valley Locality**

*Please refer to attached, the pathway was first developed in 2018 and is in line with NICE Guidance DG11 (faecal calprotectin diagnostic tests for inflammatory diseases of the bowel) and the NICE guideline on suspected cancer.*



FCP Pathway.pptx

### **Newcastle Gateshead, North Tyneside, Northumberland, South Tyneside, Sunderland and County Durham Localities:**

*No Information held within these localities, it could be held by the GP team at NHSE – [england.foi@nhs.net](mailto:england.foi@nhs.net) or by individual GP Practices.*

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  
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[www.ico.gov.uk](http://www.ico.gov.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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