



North East and North Cumbria

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By Email

Dear

Freedom of Information Act 2000 - Request for Information – NHS North East & North Cumbria Integrated Care Board.

Thank you for your request received by North of England Commissioning Support (NECS) on 01 December 2022 for information held by NHS North East and North Cumbria Integrated Care Board (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.

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

Request

Please advise if it is NENC ICB who are responsible for funding in respect post hospital interim assessment care, my aim is to establish if funding is the responsibility of the local council, NHS or other party.

Response

The recently updated Hospital Discharge Policy requires Place based systems to work in an integrated way to support patient discharge. The Home First principle is adopted and

the use of intermediate care/step down support is encouraged to promote independence wherever possible.

Additional National funding has been provided until March 2023 and each Place based system have identified their priorities to ensure patients are discharged in a timely way. The funding supports current initiatives in the Better Care Funding programme and provides additional support via Adult Social Care routes.

This new guidance ensures that social care support and funding is provided for post-hospital pathways

[Hospital discharge and community support guidance - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/guidance/hospital-discharge-and-community-support-guidance)

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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