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Dear

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 18 November 2023 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

Please confirm:

1. Who is the ICB program lead for strategy and transformation? Please can you supply their contact emails.
2. Who is the POD delegation on the mandated Primary care board? Please can you supply their contact emails.
3. Please can you confirm if NENC ICB has a strategy for Eyecare Pathway Transformation?
4. Who is the ICB member taking overarching responsibility for Optometry?
5. Could you provide clarity regarding the communication process between the ICB and Optometry Contractors?
6. Who is responsible for contracting for NENC ICB Planned care/elective care for Ophthalmology? Please can you supply their contact emails.
7. Please do you have an up-to-date contact list of all the primary care leads in ICBs? Both managerial leads and clinical leads for primary care by place.

Our Response

1. The North East and North Cumbria Integrated Care Board (NENC ICB) Executive Director for Strategy & Transformation is Jacqueline Myers. All ICB colleagues noted in this response can be contacted via the generic mail ICB email address necsu.nenc-icb.contactus@nhs.net
2. The Primary Care Strategy & Delivery Sub Committee members are all employees of the ICB. Pharmacy, Optometry and Dentistry are represented by the Deputy Director of Primary Care and the Heads of Commissioning for each POD service.
3. There is currently a review of eye care pathways being undertaken by the NENC Eye Care Alliance. A strategy and delivery plan will be developed following this review.
4. The Senior Responsible Officer for Optometry is Dave Gallagher, Executive Area Director South.
5. Elective care for Ophthalmology is included in the NENC ICB contracts (using the standard NHS contract) with the NHS Foundation Trusts and Independent Sector organisations commissioned to provide NHS services. The responsible Executive Director for contracts with Independent Sector organisations providing NHS commissioned elective care services is Jacqueline Myers, Executive Chief of Strategy and Operations. NENC ICB hold a list of contractor email addresses and these are used for communications. The ICB encourage contractors to have a nhs.net email address which are issued through the National Administration Service and is the only communication method for transferring sensitive information. Local Optical Committee forums are also in place to strengthen interface and engagement with providers.
6. The responsible Executive Directors for contracts with NHS Foundation Trusts are David Gallagher, Executive Area Director, Tees Valley & Central (covering the Tees Valley, County Durham, Sunderland and South Tyneside) and Levi Buckley, Executive Area Director, North and North Cumbria (covering North Cumbria, Northumberland, North Tyneside, Newcastle and Gateshead).
7. Delegation for the responsibility of commissioning and contracting of POD was passed to the ICB in July 2023. Previously the structures and responsible leads for primary care at place, was structured around the responsibilities for General Medical services only. The ICB is currently consulting with staff on its new structure and organisational operating model for the future. The current place leads for primary care at place, for general medical services are noted in our response to FOI request ICB464, which is available on the ICB's [website](#).

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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Yours sincerely

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