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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 28 February 2023 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

I am emailing for an FOI request in regard to International Recruitment within your trust. I am writing an assessment based on the current NHS crisis & how international recruitment could benefit within the NHS in the UK.

The main points I am looking to gain info on are as follows:

*** The number of nurses employed through International Recruitment within your trust between January 2021 - Present (Feb 23).**

* The current budget the trust holds for international recruitment between January 2021 - Present (Feb 23)

* Your current protocol for recruiting internationally - ie: in house or within agencies?

* If agencies, please list the agencies currently used & if possible, a point of contact for them that I could maybe reach out to for further info? I am happy to have an email address for POC.

* Budget/Cost for agencies used – if any.

* Estimated number of international recruitment needs for 2023 - if any.

Response

January 2021 to June 2022 - for all the predecessor CCGs that are now part of North East and North Cumbria Integrated Care Board (ICB) the response to all questions above is nil.

July 2022 to present - North East and North Cumbria Integrated Care Board (ICB) are not recruiting abroad, have no budget for this and are not using any agencies to recruit abroad.

As your request was directed to "your Trust", however, and the ICB is not a Trust you may wish to redirect your request to the Trusts listed below.

County Durham & Darlington NHS Foundation Trust – cdda-tr.cddftfoi@nhs.net

Tees, Esk & Wear Valley NHS Trust – tewv.ftmembership@nhs.net

South Tees Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust – foi@stees.nhs.uk

Northumbria Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust – foi@northumbria.nhs.uk

Gateshead Health NHS Foundation Trust – ghnt.foi.enquiries@nhs.net

Newcastle Upon Tyne Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust –
nuth.freedom.information@nhs.net

Cumbria, Northumberland, Tyne & Wear NHS Foundation Trust – foi@ntw.nhs.uk

North Tees & Hartlepool NHS Foundation Trust – foi@nth.nhs.uk

South Tyneside and Sunderland NHS Foundation Trust –
Stsft.freedomofinformation@nhs.net

North Cumbria Integrated Care Foundation NHS Trust – FOIRequests@ncic.nhs.uk

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.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 . This will not affect your initial information request.

Yours sincerely

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