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By Email to

Dear Nicola Hendy

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 12 September 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 (NENC ICB). 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;

Request

I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information on fertility treatment for single people from NHS North East and North Cumbria ICB:

- **How many single persons applied for IVF treatment from 2012 - 2022? Please provide the data on an annual basis. Please provide age range as under 35 years and under, 36 – 40 years, 41 years and over.**
- **How many single persons applied for Artificial Insemination (AI) from 2012 – 2022? Please provide the data on an annual basis. Please provide age range as under 35 years and under, 36 – 40 years, 41 years and over.**
- **How many single persons received IVF treatment from 2012 – 2022? Please provide age range as under 35 years and under, 36 – 40 years, 41 years and over.**
- **How many single persons received Artificial Insemination (AI) from 2012 – 2022? Please provide age range as under 35 years and under, 36 – 40 years, 41 years and over.**
- **Of the people that received IVF treatment – what was the time period between initial appointment to first procedure? Please provide in days, months, years.**

Response

In accordance with section 1 of the Act this information cannot be provided as it is not held by the ICB. It may be held by the Fertility Services within the individual Trusts listed below therefore we suggest you redirect your request to them.

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

The Centre for Life in Newcastle-upon-Tyne may also hold Fertility Services information and can be contacted via info@life.org.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.org.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

Paul Atkinson

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