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Dear Applicant

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 on 12 May 2026 for information held by NHS North East and North Cumbria Integrated Care Board (the ICB) under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The ICB 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.

Your Request

Regarding the commissioning of Anti VEGf or Wet AMD services, I understand from previous FOI requests and publications that you commission these services from a number of NHS trusts as well as private providers of NHS care eg SpaMedica, Aces and NewMedica.

Can you share, for each provider, a redacted copy of the contract particulars including the award mechanism used, the current contract expiry date and renewal terms open to the commissioner.

Our Response

We can confirm, as per Section 1(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, the ICB holds some of the information you have requested.

NHS Foundation Trusts (FTs)

County Durham and Darlington NHS FT

The ophthalmology Service Specification is attached. The current contract is from 1 April 2024 for 3 years with an option to extend for a further two years. The contract was awarded under PSR direct award process A.

North Cumbria Integrated Care NHS FT

The current contract is from 1 April 2024 for 3 years with an option to extend for a further two years. The contract was awarded under PSR direct award process A.

We can confirm, as per Section 1(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, the ICB on this occasion is not able to provide the requested information. In line with your rights under section 1(1)(a) of the Act to be informed whether information is held, we confirm the ICB does not hold any of the information requested.

However, information for Ophthalmology services information is also available on the trust's website: [Ophthalmology \(eye care\): North Cumbria Integrated Care](#).

South Tyneside and Sunderland NHS FT

The ophthalmology Service Specification is attached. The current contract is from 1 April 2024 for 3 years with an option to extend for a further two years. The contract was awarded under PSR direct award process A.

South Tees Hospitals NHS FT

The ophthalmology Service Specification is attached. The current contract is from 1 April 2024 for 3 years with an option to extend for a further two years. The contract was awarded under PSR direct award process A.

The Newcastle upon Tyne Hospitals NHS FT

The current contract is from 1 April 2024 for 3 years with an option to extend for a further two years. The contract was awarded under PSR direct award process A.

We can confirm, as per Section 1(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, the ICB on this occasion is not able to provide the requested information. In line with your rights under section 1(1)(a) of the Act to be informed whether information is held, we confirm the ICB does not hold any of the information requested. However, we have determined that the information is held by the Newcastle upon Tyne Hospitals NHS FT.

In accordance with our duty under s.16 of the FOIA to provide reasonable advice and assistance to an individual requesting information, we have provided the FOI online portal link for the FT – <https://www.newcastle-hospitals.nhs.uk/help/foi/> – to make your request.

Private providers

Newmedica

The Medical Retina Service Specification is attached. The current contract is from 1 April 2024 for 3 years with an option to extend for a further two years. The contract was awarded under PSR direct award process B. The service location is Teesside.

Spamedica

The Medical Retina Service Specification is attached. The current contract is from 1 April 2024 for 3 years with an option to extend for a further two years. The contract was awarded under PSR direct award process B. The service locations are Carlisle, Gateshead and Stockton-on-Tees.

In accordance 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 request a review of our decision, you should write to the Information 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 review, you do have the right of complaint to the Information Commissioner as established by section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Generally, the Information Commissioner cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the ICB's complaints procedure.

The Information Commissioner can be contacted at Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF or 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 faithfully

Information Governance Support Officer

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