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

Thank you for your request received by North of England Commissioning Support (NECS) on 08 January 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.

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.

Details of Request

Which B12 deficiency guidelines are used by the NENC ICB or if this is not yet centralised then the guidelines for Tees Valley.

Please provide either a link to or a copy of the guidelines.

This information is required by patients, like myself, who suffer from B12 deficiency. In my experience, many doctors are quite uninformed as to how to proceed with cases of B12 deficiency and do not follow either of the BNF or the NICE guidelines but do occasionally refer to local guidelines which they are unable to provide a copy of.

Response

No centralised B12 deficiency guidelines are used by NENC ICB.

Tees Valley – our locality is currently developing clinical management guidelines for Vit B12 deficiency. We are expecting these guidelines to be formalised later this year, when they will appear on our website

<https://medicines.necsu.nhs.uk/guidelines/tees-guidelines/>

Prescribers can currently be signposted to NICE CKS in order to follow national guidelines on management of B12 deficiency

<https://cks.nice.org.uk/topics/anaemia-b12-folate-deficiency/diagnosis/investigations/>

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.

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The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

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Wycliffe House
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Yours sincerely

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