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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 18 November 2025 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

In follow up to our previous freedom of information request (Management of patients with ASCVD and Lipoprotein(a) testing') submitted in December 2024, please could we submit the following additional questions regarding lipoprotein(a) (Lp(a)) testing at your organisation.

1. Does NHS North East and North Cumbria ICB test patients for raised levels of lipoprotein(a)?
Yes/No
2. Does NHS North East and North Cumbria ICB have any guidelines or policies for the treatment of patients diagnosed with elevated* levels of lipoprotein(a)? Yes/No. If yes, please provide a copy.

Our Response

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.

1. NENC ICB does not test patients for raised lipoprotein (a). Testing is done in the 14 lipid clinics within the hospital trusts in the NENC ICB region. Lipoprotein (a) testing may also be able to be requested by GP colleagues via an ICE request.

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 contacts for acute hospital foundation trusts in the NENC region to allow you to make your request to them.

NENC Acute Hospital FTs	Email/Online portal
County Durham and Darlington NHS FT	cdda-tr.cddftfoi@nhs.net
Gateshead Health NHS FT	ghnt.foi.enquiries@nhs.net
North Cumbria Integrated Care NHS FT	foirequest@cumbria.nhs.uk
North Tees and Hartlepool NHS FT	nth-tr.foi@nhs.net
Northumbria Healthcare NHS FT	foi@northumbria.nhs.uk
South Tees Hospitals NHS FT	stees.foi.admin@nhs.net
South Tyneside and Sunderland NHS FT	stsft@infreemation.co.uk
The Newcastle upon Tyne Hospitals NHS FT	https://www.newcastle-hospitals.nhs.uk/help/foi/

In addition and for your reference, a list of practices is available on the NHS Digital website: [GP and GP practice related data – NHS England Digital](#) The GP Practices full file name is **epraccur** and for your reference, NENC ICB's Organisation Data Service (ODS) code is **QMH**.

2. NENC ICB does not have ownership of a guideline or policy for treatment of patients diagnosed with elevated levels of lipoprotein(a). There is, however, a regional guideline for lipid management which includes guidance on management for raised lipoprotein(a),

This is hosted on the Northern Treatment Advisory Group (NTAG) website ([NTAG – Northern Treatment Advisory Group](#)) and was developed by the Lipids Specialist Advisory Group (LSAG). The LSAG includes lipid consultants and specialists from across all the lipid clinic services in NENC.

The regional guideline developed by partners and providers in the NENC Integrated Care System was approved by local pharmacy committees. The link to the NEELI guidelines (Lipoprotein(a) included on pages 18-20) is [NEELI-v2023.1.1-final.pdf](#).

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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