

ICB FOI 165

North East & North Cumbria

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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 13/12/22 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.

### <u>Request</u>

- 1. What is your policy on aromatherapy? Please provide a copy of your policy, if you have one.
- 2. In the last five years, have you engaged an aromatherapy practitioner for the provision of aromatherapy to NHS patients?
  - a. In which years?
  - b. What was the cost to the NHS for each of these years?
  - c. How many patients were given aromatherapy in each of these years? Please break the results down by condition.

- 3. Do you currently have a contract in place with any provider for the provision of aromatherapy services?
  - a. Please provide a copy of the contract
- 4. Which external organisations, charities or companies (if any) have you contracted or engaged with over the provision of aromatherapy in the last three years?
  - a. Please include copies of any promotional materials, advertising materials or other documentation provided by the external organisation as part of this engagement

#### <u>Response</u>

- 1. The NENC ICB value based commissioning policy is publicly available and can be found here: <u>icbp040-vbc-policy-11.pdf (northeastnorthcumbria.nhs.uk)</u>
- 2. Aromatherapy services have not been commissioned by the ICB or by the precursor CCGs in the last 5 years.
- 3. No.
- 4. None.

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 <a href="https://northeastnorthcumbria.nhs.uk/">https://northeastnorthcumbria.nhs.uk/</a>.

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

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per the Re-Use of Public Sector Information Regulations 2015  $\underline{www.legislation.gov.uk}$  . This will not affect your initial information request.

Yours sincerely

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## Information Governance Officer