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By Email

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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 by North of England Commissioning Support (NECS) on 10 February 2024 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.

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.

**Your Request and Our Response**

**We can confirm, as per Section 1(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, the ICB does hold the information requested.**

**I am contacting yourselves to request the following information in relation to the commissioning recommendations for blood glucose and ketone meters, testing strips and lancets within NHS North East and North Cumbria Integrated Care Board**

- 1. Do you have a local formulary which you follow alongside the NHS England commissioning recommendations?**

*Local formulary/guideline is due to be approved at our local Medicines Committee in April*

- 2. If so, when will the local formulary be reviewed?**

*Usually after 2 years or sooner if national guidance gets updated*

**3. The name (s), direct contact email address (es) and direct telephone numbers of the person (s) who are dealing with the formulary.**

Regional Drug and therapeutics Centre [nuth.nyrdtc.rxsupp@nhs.net](mailto:nuth.nyrdtc.rxsupp@nhs.net)

**4. A link for the local formulary**

Not in place yet, but NTAG website is [NTAG – Northern Treatment Advisory Group](#)

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 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 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 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  
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[www.ico.org.uk](http://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](http://www.legislation.gov.uk) . This will not affect your initial information request.

Yours sincerely

*Paul Atkinson*

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**Information Governance Officer**