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By Email to

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 15 September 2023 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 (NENC ICB). 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;

Request

I am writing to request the following information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Earlier this month, [NHS England asked all ICBs](#) to 'work with their local primary practices and primary care networks (PCNs) to ensure you have confirmation that no RAAC has been identified or, where it has, on the identification and management of RAAC'.

1. **Has the ICB completed this work to confirm whether RAAC has been identified across the primary care estate?**
2. **How many GP practices have so far been identified?**
3. **What support is the ICB offering to those GP practices to solve the issue?**

Please answer these questions for each of the ICBs you are responsible for.

Response

Has the ICB completed this work to confirm whether RAAC has been identified across the primary care estate?

Work is still ongoing in Northumberland, North Tyneside, Sunderland, South Tyneside, Durham, Tees and Cumbria. Newcastle Gateshead is complete.

How many GP practices have so far been identified?

No GP practices have been identified as having RAAC at this time. NHS Property services is the landlord for a significant number of practices across the ICB. They have completed surveys and removed RAAC for all effected sites.

What support is the ICB offering to those GP practices to solve the issue?

A briefing note was issued to practices in January 2023, this provided advice and guidance to support practices for identifying RAAC and links to professionally qualified chartered engineers and surveyors with experience in the identification of RAAC. Further follow up is being worked up currently.

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.

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
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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 sincerely

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