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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 on 22 May 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**

I was informed by my GP surgery last year that the ICB is commissioning a central service for shared care agreements for patients with Adult ADHD diagnoses and prescriptions from a private provider. I am unable to find any information on this and have previously contact the ICB to request such.

Please can you let me know the status of this service and how to access it. Alternatively, please can you put me in contact with someone who can discuss this matter.

**Our Response**

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

We can confirm that NENC ICB are not looking to commission a central service for shared care agreements for patients with Adult ADHD diagnoses and prescriptions from a private provider.

We recognise there are challenges for patients accessing NHS prescriptions for ADHD medication through shared care, in relation to ADHD medication, where a formal diagnosis of ADHD has been

offered by a private provider including those providing diagnostic assessments under NHS Right to Choose.

Individual GP Practices can decide whether they are willing to enter into a shared care arrangement with a Provider, either an NHS Trust or the 'right to choose' providers, or not. For ADHD, this relates to prescribing and monitoring medication. GP Practices do not have to agree to shared care for new patients, and practices do not have to indefinitely continue to prescribe for current shared care patients.

As an ICB we have established a formal group to look at improving all aspects of the diagnostic pathway wherever this is practicable, within the current national guidance, contractual frameworks and available resource.

If you have concerns about your own personal care, you can raise a complaint via [nencicb.complaints@nhs.net](mailto:nencicb.complaints@nhs.net)

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 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](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 faithfully

*Information Governance Support Officer*

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