

Our Reference North East and North Cumbria ICB\
FOI ICB 24-213

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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 20 August 2024 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, Gateshead, Newcastle, North Cumbria, North Tyneside, Northumberland, South Tyneside, Sunderland, and Tees Valley (which covers the five local authorities of Darlington, Hartlepool, Middlesbrough, Redcar and Cleveland and Stockton-on-Tees).

Please find the information you requested on behalf of the ICB as follows.

Your Request

Thank you for considering and responding to my Freedom of Information request. I am seeking information about your health system. Can you please answer the following questions.

Community Respiratory Service Mapping

1. Does the ICB commission community-based bronchiectasis services?
2. Does the ICB commission services dedicated to complex bronchiectasis e.g. those with frequent exacerbations, or comorbidities?
3. Does the ICB commission community-based services treat complex respiratory conditions such as COPD, interstitial lung disease? If yes, please complete the table below:

Name of provider	
Number of patients contracted/ treated in the past year	
Address of provider	

High-cost drug propensity

4. Are the community service providers authorised to treat patients with any of the following drug types?
 - Monoclonal antibodies
 - Nebulised or infusion polymyxins / aminoglycosides antibiotics e.g. Colomycin or Gentamicin
 - Other high-cost drugs

Resource utilisation

5. What is the total resource funding utilisation in social care for exacerbating bronchiectasis, in the last financial year?
6. What/how much is funded from NHS budgets?
7. What/how much is funded by social care budgets?

Our Response

We can confirm, as per Section 1(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, the ICB holds some of the information you have requested.

1. NENC ICB commissions general respiratory services.
2. On this occasion it is not possible to provide the requested information. 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. However, we have determined that the information is held by the acute hospital NHS foundation trusts (FTs) within the North East and North Cumbria region.

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 email addresses for those acute hospitals to make your request.

NENC Acute Hospital FTs	Email
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	foi@nth.nhs.uk
Northumbria Healthcare NHS FT	foi@northumbria.nhs.uk
South Tees Hospitals NHS FT	foi@stees.nhs.uk
South Tyneside and Sunderland NHS FT	stsft.freedomofinformation@nhs.net
The Newcastle upon Tyne Hospitals NHS FT	nuth.freedom.information@nhs.net

3. NENC ICB commissions general respiratory services, which will include a wide range of conditions. For specific conditions, please redirect your request to the providers noted in the response to question 2.
4. In response to question 4:
 - Monoclonal antibodies – Approved for use by specialists in secondary care for asthma in specific circumstances as per NICE TAs. Details available at: [North East and North Cumbria Formulary \(northeastnorthcumbriaformulary.nhs.uk\)](http://northeastnorthcumbriaformulary.nhs.uk)
 - Nebulised or infusion polymyxins / aminoglycosides antibiotics e.g Colomycin or Gentamicin – All clinicians are authorised to prescribe in line with NICE guidance on antimicrobial prescribing and on advice from a microbiologist.

- Other high-cost drugs – All drugs approved for use are listed on formulary at: [North East and North Cumbria Formulary \(northeastnorthcumbriaformulary.nhs.uk\)](http://northeastnorthcumbriaformulary.nhs.uk)
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NENC Local Authorities	Email
Cumbria County Council	information.governance@cumbria.gov.uk
Darlington Borough Council	freedomofinformation@darlington.gov.uk
Durham County Council	foi@durham.gov.uk
Gateshead Council	informationrights@gateshead.gov.uk
Hartlepool Borough Council	freedomofinformation@hartlepool.gov.uk
Middlesbrough Borough Council	foi@middlesbrough.gov.uk
Newcastle City Council	freedomofinformation@newcastle.gov.uk
North Tyneside Council	foiofficer@northtyneside.gov.uk
Northumberland County Council	foi@northumberland.gov.uk
Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council	informationgovernance@redcar-cleveland.gov.uk
South Tyneside Council	foi@southtyneside.gov.uk
Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council	foiandcomplaints@stockton.gov.uk
Sunderland City Council	freedom.information@sunderland.gov.uk

6. Please refer to the response to question 5.
 7. Please refer to the response to question 5.

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
SK9 5AF

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

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Information Governance Officer