



North East and North Cumbria

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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 16 November 2023 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).

Your Request

1. Do you have a dedicated service for lower limb wounds in your integrated care board? (*Lower limb wound services can be described as a healthcare service providing care for patients with chronic wounds located below the knee and above the foot.*)

- Yes
- No

If no, please proceed to question 2

If yes, please complete questions: 1.1, 1.2, 1.3, & 1.4.

1.1. Is this service delivered by a doctor or nurse led?

- Delivered by a medically trained doctor
- Nurse lead
- Other (Please specify)

1.2. Are the staff who provide lower limb services able to apply compression bandaging? (*Bandages that result in therapeutic levels of lower limb compression when applied with pressure*)

- Yes

- No
- Other (Please specify)

1.3. What are the clinical requirements to be eligible for this service?

Please specify:

1.4. How are referrals received for this service?

- Electronic e.g. e-referral system
- Referral via email
- Referral via telephone call
- Patient self-referral
- Other (Please specify)

1.5. Does this service provide care or outreach services for house bound patients?

- Yes
- No

2. Do you have a dedicated vascular service?

(Vascular services are commissioned to provide diagnostics and treatment for vascular disease. The principal clinical specialities involved are vascular surgery and interventional vascular radiology. Such services provide care for the needs of patients with disorders relating to the arteries, veins, and lymphatic system)

- Yes
- No
- Other (Please specify)

If yes, please complete questions: 2.1 & 2.2

2.1. If yes, is the vascular service a hub centre or specialist service? *(please select all that apply)*

Hub centre: *providing diagnostics and expert advice in an outpatient setting.*

Specialist services: *providing diagnostics and expert advice in an outpatient setting + providing elective and 24/7 emergency vascular services.*

- Hub Centre
- Specialist service
- N/A

2.2. Do you have a dedicated service for venous disease within the vascular service?

- Yes
- No
- Other (Please specify)

2.3. If yes, is this delivered by a doctor or a nurse?

- Delivered by a medically trained doctor / surgeon
- Nurse lead
- Other (Please specify)

Our Response

NENC ICB are not the holders of this information, you will need to contact the providers, the hospital foundation trusts within the ICB. Please redirect your request to them: -

NENC Acute Hospital FTs	Email
County Durham & 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 & 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

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
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

www.ico.org.uk

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Yours sincerely

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