

Our Reference      North East and North Cumbria ICB\  
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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 19 March 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, 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**

We would like to request the following information from North East & North Cumbria ICB:

1. We have the following formularies listed as used by the organisation: *North East and North Cumbria ICS Formulary*. Please confirm if this is correct and if not, please provide any relevant online links or copies of formularies.
2. We understand the following committees maintain the formularies in question 1: *Northern Treatment Advisory Group (NTAG)*. Please confirm if this is correct. If not correct, please list the relevant committees with the corresponding formulary.
3. Does the organisation have representation on the committees listed in question 2?
4. Are any of the above formularies listed in question 1 dominant when making prescribing decisions or does this depend on therapy area? Please say which is the dominant formulary of the organisation.
5. If you use a PDF formulary, have you considered moving it to an online platform like Netformulary, and if yes, when are you planning to do so?
6. If your organisation does hold this information and is able to share it, then I would like to submit a request for re-using the information.

## Our Response

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

1. The information is correct.
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3. Yes, NENC ICB has various representatives on the committee.
4. The only formulary in use is the NENC ICS formulary.
5. The formulary is already available online using Netformulary.
6. This information may be reused.

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](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

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