



# North East and North Cumbria

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Dear

## **Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information – NHS North East and North Cumbria Integrated Care Board**

Thank you for your request received by North of England Commissioning Support (NECS) on 3 March 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 (ICB). This 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.

### **Request**

Has the trust completed any analysis of inequalities in elective waiting times based on:

1. ethnicity of patients
2. socio-economic/ IMD status of patients
3. any other characteristic?

If so:

- Please could you provide details on what the trust has analysed – including how many patients, which ethnic/ economic groups and over which timeframe.
- What were the results of this analysis, were any disparities in waiting times identified between the groups described above? If so, please give figures on the disparities identified.
- Has the trust published this analysis? If so, please send a link. If not, please explain why.
- Could you also summarise any action the trust has taken in response to the analysis described above?

If not:

- Please could you detail:
  - a) whether the trust is planning any analysis of health inequalities in elective waiting times
  - b) what this analysis will cover
  - c) when this will be carried out and
  - d) what the trust is doing to ensure equitable treatment of different groups on elective waiting lists
- Is the trust planning to publish this analysis? If not, please explain why.
- If the trust is not planning any analysis as described above, please explain why not.

## Response

North East and North Cumbria ICB is not a trust and as such, does not hold the information you requested. We would advise you to redirect your query to the individual acute hospital trusts within the North East and North Cumbria locality. Their FOI team contact details are listed below:

Acute Trust	FOI email
County Durham & Darlington NHS FT	<a href="mailto:cdda-tr.cddfffoi@nhs.net">cdda-tr.cddfffoi@nhs.net</a>
Gateshead Health NHS FT	<a href="mailto:ghnt.foi.enquiries@nhs.net">ghnt.foi.enquiries@nhs.net</a>
North Cumbria Integrated Care NHS FT	<a href="mailto:foirequests@ncic.nhs.uk">foirequests@ncic.nhs.uk</a>
North Tees & Hartlepool NHS FT	<a href="mailto:foi@nth.nhs.uk">foi@nth.nhs.uk</a>
Northumbria Healthcare NHS FT	<a href="mailto:foi@northumbria.nhs.uk">foi@northumbria.nhs.uk</a>
South Tees Hospitals NHS FT	<a href="mailto:foi@stees.nhs.uk">foi@stees.nhs.uk</a>
South Tyneside and Sunderland NHS FT	<a href="mailto:stsft.freedomofinformation@nhs.net">stsft.freedomofinformation@nhs.net</a>
The Newcastle Upon Tyne Hospitals NHS FT	<a href="mailto:nuth.freedom.information@nhs.net">nuth.freedom.information@nhs.net</a>

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.gov.uk](http://www.ico.gov.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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