

Our Reference North East and North Cumbria ICB\
FOI ICB 24-445

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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 14 February 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

Under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) we are requesting the following information:

1. Do you currently provide a Long Covid / Post Covid service for adults and children and young people?
2. Do you plan to provide a service for adults and for children and young people next financial year (25/26)?
3. If the answer to question 2 is no, what are your plans to meet the needs of this population?

Please let us know if you can respond to this request within the 20 working days response timeline. Please also inform us if this exceeds 18 hours of work to complete the response.

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 services provided in the NENC region, and the service providers are listed below:

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- North Cumbria Integrated Care NHS Foundation Trust (FT) – North Cumbria Long COVID service (Adult)
- Northumbria Healthcare NHS FT – Post COVID Assessment Service within Respiratory Clinic (Adult)
- The Newcastle upon Tyne Hospitals NHS FT (Adult and children and young people)
- Gateshead Health NHS FT – Long Covid Therapy Service (Adult)
- South Tyneside and Sunderland NHS FT – Assessment of Breathing Clinic (Adult)
- County Durham and Darlington NHS FT – Post Covid Service (PCS) April 2024 – December 2024 (Adult)
- County Durham and Darlington NHS FT (Adult)
- Durham – Persistent Conditions Assessment and Support Service (PCASS) from Dec 2024 onwards (Adult)
- South Tees NHS Hospitals NHS FT (Adult and children and young people)
- North Tees Hospital NHS FT (Adult)

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 the FTs in the NENC ICB region.

NENC Acute Hospital FTs	Email
County Durham and Darlington NHS FT	cdca-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

2. For 2025/26 the ICB intends to work closely with our Trusts to review and reform the Long COVID services to align these with our commissioning priorities over the next six months.
3. Please refer to the response to question 2.

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 sincerely

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