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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 on 29 March 2026 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, 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.

Your Request

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, please provide the following recorded information regarding the commissioning and funding of Inclisiran (Leqvio) within primary care across your Integrated Care Board (ICB).

Given the ongoing national discussions and Local Medical Committee (LMC) guidance regarding the workload and funding of this drug, please provide:

1. *Current Status*: Does the ICB currently have an active Locally Commissioned Service (LCS), Locally Enhanced Service (LES), or any specific local funding pathway in place to remunerate general practices for the administration of Inclisiran outside the core GMS/PMS contract?
2. *Financials*: If a local funding pathway is active, what is the exact financial remuneration paid to the practice per patient or per administration?
3. *Future Planning (2026)*: If no local funding is currently active, are there any formal plans, working groups, or committee discussions scheduled for 2026 to evaluate or introduce a local funding mechanism for Inclisiran?
4. *Internal Minutes*: Please provide copies of any Primary Care Commissioning Committee minutes, or formal correspondence with the local LMC, from the last 12 months that mention the local funding, workload, or commissioning of Inclisiran.

Please note I require the live, current status of local commissioning as of today's date. If you intend to apply a Section 21 exemption (Information accessible to applicant by other means) by directing me to a public document or website, you must explicitly confirm that the linked information accurately reflects the ICB's current policy and financial remuneration figures as of March 2026. If the public document is outdated or under review, the Section 21 exemption is legally invalid, and I require the current internal recorded data.

If this request is too wide or unclear, I would be grateful if you could contact me to provide advice and assistance under your Section 16 duty so that I may refine my request.

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.

Question 1 response:

1. Yes, the ICB has the "NENC ICB Primary Medical Care NENC Local Enhanced Service – Medicines Specification (Service Specification 2026-27)" in place to remunerate general practices for administration of Inclisiran outside the core GMS/PMS contract.

This LES covers the administration of injectable medicines to patients clinically requiring the injections, which includes Inclisiran. Inclisiran (Leqvio®) is centrally funded by NHS England to ensure accessibility. The nominal charge for inclisiran is £45 plus VAT, and it is available in general practice as a personally administered item reimbursed via an FP10 prescription. The reimbursement amount is £60 per injection from 1 April 2025, and there is no discount deduction applied to the reimbursed amount.

This arrangement aims to make injectable medicines more affordable and accessible to patients).

2. Please refer to the response to question 1.
3. 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

In accordance with our duty under s.16 of the FOIA to provide reasonable advice and assistance to an individual requesting information, there is a population health programme between NHS England and Health Innovation North East and North Cumbria (HINENC). A link to the HINENC website is: <https://healthinnovationnenc.org.uk/what-we-do/improving-population-health/cardiovascular-disease-prevention/lipid-management-pathway/inclisiran/>

4. 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.

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 Information 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 ICB's complaints procedure.

The Information Commissioner can be contacted at Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF or 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

Information Governance Support Officer

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