



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 20 February 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

I understand that, in relation to the nurses' potential strike action taking place from Wednesday 1 March to Friday 3 March, all ICBS were asked by NHS England to provide "a brief assessment of the impact of the proposed [strike] action upon acute, mental health and community Trusts and their own directly provided services", by midday Monday 20 February.

I am requesting, under the freedom of information act, a copy of the assessment sent by your ICB to NHS England.

Response

Please find the pre-RCN March strike assessment questions to, and responses, from NHS North East and North Cumbria Integrated Care Board:

1	Please confirm that you expect to be able to maintain the ability provide effective Command and control for your system for the duration of the industrial action / next 24 hours?	Yes
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2	Please confirm that you expect to be able to maintain staffing of your system control centre for the duration of the industrial action / next 24 hours?	Yes
3	Please confirm that you expect to be able to maintain the ability to provide any directly commissioned or provided services for the duration of the industrial action / next 24 hours?	Yes
4	Do you have Health and Wellbeing support available to all staff during this period?	Yes
5	Are cross-ICB mutual aid mechanism are available / being put in place to support affected Trusts?	No
7	Do you have you any geographical or sites of particular concern?	No
8	Do you arrangements in place to contact and enable the immediate return to work of all appropriate staff in the event a major incident is declared?	Yes
9	Does your ICB (and Trusts) have a plan to understand the impacts of industrial action upon health inequalities in your areas, and are these impacts factored into your plans for recovery?	Yes

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
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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

Sarah Davies

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