



North East and North Cumbria

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Applicant
By Email

Dear Applicant,

Freedom of Information Act 2000 - Request for Information – NHS North East & North Cumbria Integrated Care Board.

Thank you for your request received by North of England Commissioning Support (NECS) on 09/01/2023 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

Please can you provide the following information in relation to processing Individual Funding Requests for treatment:

- 1. Is your Individual Funding Request (IFR) service delivered in-house or is it contracted?**
 - 1a. If contracted who provides the service?**
 - 1b. What is the annual value of the contract?**
 - 1c. What is the duration of the contract?**
 - 1d. When does the existing contract expire?**

2. What is the staff WTE that provide administration and management of this service?
3. What is the cost of the staff WTE?
4. When was the service last reviewed?
5. How many IFR requests did your ICB receive in 2019/2020, 2020/2021, 2021/2022?
6. Do you use a commissioning prior approval process?
 - 6a. If yes, is service delivered in-house or is it contracted?
 - 6b. If contracted who provides the service?
 - 6c. What is the annual value of the contract?
 - 6d. What is the duration of the contract?
 - 6e. When does the existing contract expire?
7. Please provide a named lead for IFRs

Response:

1. **A)** North of England Commissioning Support (NECS). **B)** £199k. **C)** 1 year. **D)** 2023/24.
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4. NENC ICB – Feb 2022
5. See table below:

ICB	2019/20	2020/21	21/22
NENC	3502	1511	1635

6. **A)** Contracted. **B)** Contracted to NECS. **C)** same as Q1b. **D)** same as Q1c. **E)** same as Q1d.
7. NECS – Claire Wong / Julie Ryan, NENC ICB – Neil O'Brien – Exec Medical Director / John Warrington – Clinical Lead

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

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
Ehren Smith

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Information Governance Officer