



North East and North Cumbria

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By Email

Dear

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 12/12/2022 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

- 1. Do you operate an in-house service for community equipment or is it outsourced?**
By Community Equipment, we mean the Service providing equipment for Assisted Daily Living for Hospital Avoidance or Discharge
The equipment range from Complex Aids such as Hoists and Beds with Pressure Care Equipment to Simple Aids such as Bath Boards, Toilet Seat and Walking Aids

If you are an outsourced service, then thank you for your time and I have no further questions.

2. If you are an in-house service who is your current community equipment service software provider?
3. How many prescribing staff do you have throughout your community equipment service?
4. Did you tender for your current system or was it procured through a framework?
5. If tendered, when did you last tender for your current contract?
6. What date did your current contract start?
7. How long is your current contract and does it include an extension period?
8. Please provide the financial value of the contract in the last 12 months
9. Was hardware included in your contract?

Response:

Please note that in accordance with section 1 of the Act for some localities within the ICB this information cannot be provided as it is not held by the ICB. It may be held by the providers listed below therefore we suggest you redirect your request to them.

County Durham:

1. *This is an outsourced service.*

Newcastle & Gateshead:

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Northumberland:

This service is managed by Northumberland County Council.

You will therefore need to redirect your request to Northumberland County Council using the following email address: FOI@ig.northumberland.gov.uk.

North Cumbria:

This service is managed by Cumbria County Council.

You will therefore need to redirect your request to Cumbria County Council using the following email address: information.governance@cumbria.gov

North Tyneside:

This service is managed by North Tyneside Council.

You will therefore need to redirect your request to North Tyneside Council using the following email address: foiofficer@northtyneside.gov.uk

South Tyneside:

1. *This is an outsourced service.*

Sunderland:

This service is managed by Sunderland City Council.

You will therefore need to redirect your request to Sunderland City Council using the following email address: freedom.information@sunderland.gov.uk

Tees Valley:

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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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