



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 06 March 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.

Your Request

1. Have you (or the previous CCGs areas) ever/in the last 6 years contracted with an independent provider to provide community diagnostic services?
2. Do you have a community provider providing diagnostics, or is all the activity covered by acute services?
3. If you have a community provider, who are the providers and which areas of the ICB do they cover?
4. Please outline which diagnostic services went through procurement and which were a direct award?

5. Please detail actual spend on each contract/framework for diagnostic services, from the start of the contract to the current date and annually.
6. What was the start date & duration of framework/contract/award?
7. Could you please provide a copy of the service/product specification given to all bidders for when this contract was last advertised?
8. Is there an extension clause in the framework(s)/contract(s) and, if so, the duration of the extension?
9. Has a decision been made yet on whether the framework(s)/contract(s) are being either extended or renewed?
10. Who is the senior officer (outside of procurement) responsible for this contract?
(Internal note: By this the applicant means the member of staff at the ICB who the key stakeholder for community diagnostic services procurement is. If we cannot name the individual, please provide their job title.)

Our Response

County Durham, Sunderland and Tees Valley places:

1 - Yes

2 – No, all provided by the acute provider

3 – 10 – Not Applicable.

Newcastle place:

1 - No

2 – No, all provided by the acute provider

3 – 10 – Not Applicable

Gateshead, North Tyneside, South Tyneside and Northumberland places:

1 - Yes (in Northumberland)

2 - No for above areas excluding Northumberland.

3 - InHealth covers Northumberland

4 - MRI – direct award

5 - 2021/22 £40,680 2022/23 YTD (Dec 22) £46,302

6 - 1st April 2021 – 31st March 2023

7 - Requested information is not held by NENC ICB.

8 - There was a 1-year extension that has been enacted.

9 - No

10 - Alan Bell – Commissioning Manager/David Kyle Commissioning & Contracting Manager

North Cumbria place:

1 - Yes

2 - Yes

3 - SG Radiology and Associates Ltd – North Cumbria

4 - Procured via Any Qualified Provider process in 2012

5 – Please see below

2013/14	£32,065	
2014/15	£94,096	
2015/16	£153,094	
2016/17	£112,497	
2017/18	£86,062	
2018/19	£73,169	
2019/20	£66,061	
2020/21	n/a	impact of covid
2021/22	n/a	impact of covid

£40,340 to January 2023 – expected annual contract value = £58,502 (where's the rest of the info)

6 - 12 months commencing 1st April 2022

7 – Please see below



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Diagnositcs.pdf

8 - No

9 – No, decision is pending in relation to renewal of contract

10 - Sharon Kelly, Head of Commissioning

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
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Yours sincerely

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