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## Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information – NHS North East & North Cumbria Integrated Care Board (ICB)

Thank you for your request received by North of England Commissioning Support (NECS) on 08 February 2023 for information held by NHS North East and North Cumbria Integrated Care Board (NENC 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.

## Details of Request and Reply

I am seeking information about your health and social care trust's network of providers. To better understand your digital capabilities, infrastructure, and integration, I'm seeking answers to the following questions:

We are not a Trust, however, have responded on behalf of the ICB.

- Do you have plans in place for integrating data systems between primary, community, and secondary care?
  Yes – key system for information/record sharing will be via the Great North Care Record (GNCR).
- Do you have a baseline mapping of your digital infrastructure in place? Not at a system level, but each organisation will have a digital maturity level understanding, a system level digital maturity assessment (DMA) is being planned.
- Do you have a public facing digital strategy? Yes – available on the NHS North East and North Cumbria (NENC) ICB website <u>https://northeastnorthcumbria.nhs.uk/media/5jdnarmg/nenc-ics-digital-strategy-2020\_v1-2-3.pdf</u>

- Do you use patient initiated follow-up (PIFU) processes or technology? Yes – within individual NHS NENC provider organisations.
- Do you employ the following roles in your health system? If yes, approximately how many?
  - 1. Chief System Integration Officer Not within the NENC ICB.
  - 2. Director of Digital Products Not within the NENC ICB.
  - 3. Director of Analytics Yes within the NENC ICB (1), provider organisations may have equivalents also.
  - 4. Digital Lead/Director Yes within the NENC ICB (1), provider organisations will have equivalents.
  - 5. Director of Partnerships Not within the NENC ICB digital portfolio.
  - 6. Head/Director of Digital Solutions Not within the NENC ICB.
  - 7. Head/Director of Digital Innovation Not within the NENC ICB, but similar roles may exist within the wider system.
  - 8. Head/Director of Digital Transformation Yes within the NENC ICB (1).
  - 9. Head/Director of System Strategy Not within the NENC ICB digital portfolio, but an ICB Executive role does exist (1).
  - 10. Head/Director of Integration Not within the NENC ICB digital portfolio.
  - 11. Head/Director of Transformation Not within the NENC ICB digital portfolio.
  - 12. Head/Director of System Partnerships Not within the NENC ICB digital portfolio.
  - 13. Data Scientist Not within the NENC ICB.
  - 14. Data Analyst Yes, such roles exist within the NENC ICB and its commissioning support service provider.
  - 15. Head/Director of Data Science/Artificial Intelligence Not within the NENC ICB.
  - 16.Other roles related to innovation and/or transformation N/A

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 <u>https://northeastnorthcumbria.nhs.uk/</u>.

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 <u>www.legislation.gov.uk</u>. This will not affect your initial information request.

Yours sincerely

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