



North East and North Cumbria

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By Email

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 28th September 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) How many people were provided with a) accommodation in hotels and b) taxis as part of government plans to reduce the waiting list by sending patients to out-of-area hospitals from January 1st 2022 to the date of this email?

2) Please tell me a) the total number of nights in a hotel funded over this period and b) the total number of taxi journeys funded, as well as c) the types of medical procedures that were 'outsourced' in this way to out-of-area services and the names of the hospitals that carried them out

3) What was the total cost of a) the hotels and b) the taxis?

4) Please tell me a) the THREE most expensive amounts paid per single night of

accommodation in a hotel, and tell me the names and addresses of the establishments and b) please also state the THREE biggest amounts spent on taxi rides and the starting point and destination of each of these rides.

Response

North East and North Cumbria ICB do not hold this information. The organisation would pay for the procedure but not any accommodation, if there was any accommodation costs the provider would arrange/pay for this. You may wish to contact the following who may hold this information:

County Durham & Darlington NHS Foundation Trust - cdda-tr.cddftfoi@nhs.net

Tees, Esk & Wear Valley NHS Trust - tewv.ftmembership@nhs.net

South Tees Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust - foi@stees.nhs.uk

Northumbria Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust - foi@northumbria.nhs.uk

Gateshead Health NHS Foundation Trust - ghnt.foi.enquiries@nhs.net

Newcastle Upon Tyne Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust - nuth.freedom.information@nhs.net

Cumbria, Northumberland, Tyne & Wear NHS Foundation Trust - foi@cntw.nhs.uk

North Tees & Hartlepool NHS Foundation Trust - foi@nth.nhs.uk

South Tyneside and Sunderland NHS Foundation Trust - Stsft.freedomofinformation@nhs.net

North Cumbria Integrated Care Foundation NHS Trust - FOIRequests@ncic.nhs.uk

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

Information Governance Officer