

Our Reference North East and North Cumbria ICB\
FOI ICB 24-020

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Dear Applicant

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

Thank you for your request received by North of England Commissioning Support (NECS) on 10 April 2024 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.

NENC ICB covers the areas of County Durham, Gateshead, Newcastle, North Cumbria, North Tyneside, Northumberland, South Tyneside, Sunderland, and Tees Valley (which covers the 5 councils that make it up – Darlington, Hartlepool, Middlesbrough, Redcar & Cleveland and Stockton-on-Tees).

Please find the information you requested on behalf of the ICB as follows.

Your Request

- 1) Please list all Tier 2, Tier 3 and Tier 4 weight management services providers in your ICB. Where data is not readily available, please provide as much data as possible within “the appropriate limit” defined in Section 12 of the FOI Act:

Weight management service tier	Service providers
Tier 2	
Tier 3	
Tier 4	(Example: Ashford and St Peter’s Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, Bedfordshire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, etc.)

- 2) Please indicate the total number of Tier 3 weight management patients treated in your ICB over the past 5 years. Where data is not readily available, please provide as much data as possible within “the appropriate limit” defined in Section 12 of the FOI Act:

Financial year	Tier 3 patients treated (#)
2018/2019	
2019/2020	
2020/2021	
2021/2022	
2022/2023	

- 3) Please indicate the average waiting time from referral to treatment (RTT) for Tier 3 weight management services over the past 5 years, rounded to one decimal place. Where data is not readily available, please provide as much data as possible within “the appropriate limit” defined in Section 12 of the FOI Act:

Financial year	Average waiting time for Tier 3 services (weeks)
2018/2019	
2019/2020	
2020/2021	
2021/2022	
2022/2023	

- 4) Please indicate how many patients are currently, and at the end of each financial year, on your RTT waiting list for Tier 3 weight management services. Where data is not readily available, please provide as much data as possible within “the appropriate limit” defined in Section 12 of the FOI Act:

Financial year	Total number of Tier 3 patients (#)
2018/2019	
2019/2020	
2020/2021	
2021/2022	
2022/2023	
Present	

Our Response

We can confirm, as per Section 1(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, the ICB holds some of the information you have requested. Responses to question 1 are noted for each ICB place.

County Durham place

County Durham ICB place does not commission a Tier 2 service. Tier 3 and 4 services are provided by County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust (FT)

Newcastle Gateshead place

The Newcastle upon Tyne Hospitals NHS FT is the provider of Tier 3 Weight Management Services in Newcastle and Gateshead. There are no Tier 2 or Tier 4 providers.

North Cumbria place

North Cumbria Integrated Care NHS FT is the provider of Tier 3 Weight Management Services in North Cumbria. There are no Tier 2 or Tier 4 providers.

North Tyneside and Northumberland places

There is no Tier 2 Weight Management Service provision in these ICB Places. Northumbria Healthcare NHS FT is the provider of Tier 3 and Tier 4 services.

South Tyneside and Sunderland places

There is no Tier 2 Weight Management Service provision in South Tyneside. Sunderland City Council provides Tier 2 weight management in Sunderland. South Tyneside and Sunderland NHS FT is the provider of Tier 3 and Tier 4 services.

Tees Valley place

There is no Tier 2 Weight Management Service provision in Tees Valley ICB Place. South Tees Hospitals NHS FT (STHFT) is the provider of Tier 3 services and North Tees & Hartlepool NHS FT and STHFT are the providers of Tier 4 services.

On this occasion it is not possible to provide the requested information. In line with your rights under section 1(1)(a) of the Act to be informed whether information is held, we confirm the ICB does not hold any of the information requested for questions 2, 3 and 4.

The North East and North Cumbria Integrated Care Board (NENC ICB) does not hold the records which you have sought. However, we have determined the records are held by Acute Hospital NHS Foundation Trusts within the North East and North Cumbria region.

In accordance with our duty under s.16 of the FOIA to provide reasonable advice and assistance to an individual requesting information, we have provided the FOI email addresses for those acute hospitals to make your request.

NENC Acute Hospital FTs	Email
County Durham & Darlington NHS FT	cdda-tr.cddftfoi@nhs.net
Gateshead Health NHS FT	ghnt.foi.enquiries@nhs.net
North Cumbria Integrated Care NHS FT	foirequest@cumbria.nhs.uk
North Tees & Hartlepool NHS FT	foi@nth.nhs.uk
Northumbria Healthcare NHS FT	foi@northumbria.nhs.uk
South Tees Hospitals NHS FT	foi@stees.nhs.uk
South Tyneside and Sunderland NHS FT	stsft.freedomofinformation@nhs.net
The Newcastle Upon Tyne Hospitals NHS FT	nuth.freedom.information@nhs.net

In accordance 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 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 review, you do have the right of complaint to the Information Commissioner as established by section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. 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.org.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

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