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By Email

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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**

NICE have announced TA943 supporting Hybrid Closed Loop systems in people living with T1 diabetes to have access to this technology. NHS England have asked ICBs to set out their plans on how they are going to deliver this.

Please can you tell me:

- When is the ICB going to implement NICE TA943 and if not, what would be the reason for not doing so?
- What policy is currently in place within the ICB for use of Hybrid Closed Loop Systems?
- When does the ICB plan to have a policy in place in line with TA943?
- Will this policy promote patient choice – drawing your attention to NICE FAQ document on local formularies and ensuring that full choice of TA treatments is not restricted  
<https://www.nice.org.uk/Media/Default/About/what-we-do/NICE-guidance/NICE-technology-appraisals/Frequently-asked-questions-on-NICE-compliance.pdf>
- Please can you also share a copy of the implementation plan that was submitted to NHS England.

In TA943 NICE recommends this technology for people living with T1 diabetes. Despite the 5 year plan, incremental funding is available to ICBs now and will not carry over. If the ICB response is unsatisfactory, I shall be taking this response to NHS England, Healthwatch & Diabetes UK.

Please can you reply within the recognised timeframe of 20 days?

## Our Response

We can confirm, as per Section 1(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, the ICB does hold the information requested.

- NENC ICB has begun implementation of NICE TA943 from the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2024 in line with the requirements set out in NHSE's Five Year Implementation Strategy.
- There is no specific policy in place over which HCL can be used. Clinicians can consider the most appropriate for patients, noting that a number of systems currently in use can be adapted and enhanced to meet HCL requirements.
- NENC ICB has begun implementation of NICE TA943 from the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2024 in line with the requirements set out in NHSE's Five Year Implementation Strategy.
- The decision on which HCL system is appropriate for patient is currently based on individual discussions between clinician and patient.
- The HCL delivery plan is attached below.



NENC HCL delivery  
plan 29022024 FINAL

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  
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[www.ico.org.uk](http://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](http://www.legislation.gov.uk) . This will not affect your initial information request.

Yours sincerely

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