

Our Reference North East and North Cumbria ICB
FOI ICB 24-092

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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 27 May 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

I am writing to make an open request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

In the interest of better patient outcomes and ensuring equity of access to information, I kindly request a copy of all responses to Freedom of Information (FOI) requests you have received for both the Drug Patient Level Contract Monitoring (DrPLCM) report and SACT Cancer report over the last 12 months. Could the report responses please be in csv format.

This information is essential for the improvement of patient care and services, as well as promoting transparency and fairness in the access to information. I understand that this information should be readily available and hope that this request does not put undue pressure on your services.

If you believe that locating this information goes beyond the 16-hour threshold, I am open to exploring other options for sourcing this information. I am aware that other suppliers are willing to supply this data due to a minimal level of burden.

Should any part of my request need clarification, I trust you will reach out to me as per your section 16 duty to provide advice and assistance. Please inform me promptly of any potential issues in this regard.

I understand that under the Act, I should be entitled to a response within 20 working days. I would be grateful if you could confirm in writing that you have received this request. I look forward to your full and clear response in due course.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Our Response

We can confirm, as per Section 1(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, the ICB holds the information you have requested. However, this is available within the NENC ICB publication scheme which can be accessed on the ICB website: [Publications scheme | North East and North Cumbria NHS \(northeastnorthcumbria.nhs.uk\)](https://northeastnorthcumbria.nhs.uk/publications-scheme) or please refer to our previous related requests, from the NENC ICB FOI Disclosure Log at: [https://northeastnorthcumbria.nhs.uk/](https://northeastnorthcumbria.nhs.uk/foi-disclosure-log)

In accordance with s.21 of the FOIA, we are not required to provide information in response to a request if it is reasonably accessible to you by other means.

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 to complain to the Information Commissioner as established by s.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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