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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 26 January 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

1. Do you have a formulary in place for any of the following items?

Indwelling Foley Catheters
Intermittent self catheterisation catheters
Leg bags
Catheter Valves
Sheaths
Nephrostomy Bags

2. If yes, please could you provide me with a copy of the most up to date formulary for urology/continence care products?
3. Please could you confirm the formulary review date and how frequently you review the formulary?
4. Who is responsible for the formulary, particularly regarding the inclusion and deletion of products?

5. Please could you provide information on how products are evaluated prior to being approved for formulary inclusion? If this is part of a clinical evaluation or clinical trial, please provide results.
6. Does the Integrated Care Board have a preferred home delivery service for these items?
7. If so, which company is your preferred home delivery service and why?
8. Are these items prescribed through a prescription prescribing service or directly from the GP?
9. Does the Integrated Care Board have a preferred company that conducts Appliance Use Reviews, if so, which company do you use?

Response

County Durham

1. Yes
2. Can be found here: <https://medicines.necsu.nhs.uk/download/catheter-and-continence-care-formulary-2/?tmstv=1674808802>
3. Next review due March 2023
4. Follows APC guidelines
5. Information can be found here: [County Durham & Tees Valley APC - NECS Medicines Optimisation \(necsu.nhs.uk\)](#)
6. no
7. n/a
8. GP
9. no

Newcastle Gateshead, North Tyneside, Northumberland

- 1 [Microsoft Word - Catheter Formulary Sept 2021 \(northoftyneapc.nhs.uk\)](#)
- 2 [Microsoft Word - Catheter Formulary Sept 2021 \(northoftyneapc.nhs.uk\)](#)
- 3 01/2023 current review date. Formulary processes are being merged across the ICB and run by NTAG. I am not aware of the timescale for any such review following this merger.
- 4 Responsibility will now come under NTAG [NTAG – Northern Treatment Advisory Group](#)
- 5 It is not yet clear how this will work moving forwards but NTAG terms of reference are on the website above.
- 6 Not held
- 7 Not held
- 8 Prescribed by practices
- 9 Not held

North Cumbria

1. *Follow North of Tyne guidance*
2. *NA*
3. *NA*
4. *NA*
5. *NA*
6. *There is no preferred home delivery service in place and patients are free to choose. However many choose to continue with the company which initially provided the products via secondary care*
7. *NA*
8. *NA*
9. *There is no preferred company in place to provide Appliance Use Reviews*

South Tyneside and Sunderland

1. *A continence formulary is not in place in primary care.*
2. *NA*
3. *NA*
4. *NA*
5. *All applications for new products to be added to the South Tyneside and Sunderland joint formulary are put forward to the Area Prescribing Committee for consideration.*
6. *NA*
7. *There is no preferred home delivery service in place and patients are free to choose. However, many choose to continue with the company which initially provided the products via STSFT.*
8. *NA*
9. *NA*
10. *There is no preferred company in place to provide Appliance Use Reviews*

Tees Valley

1. <https://medicines.necsu.nhs.uk/download/guidance-on-prescribing-continence-appliances-in-general-practice/?tmstv=1674747549>
2. *See above*
3. *Due for review last year; no current plans to update*
4. *Specialist local FT staff*
5. *Area Prescribing Committee*
6. *Not for Tees Valley*
7. *See above*
8. *All prescribed by GP practice*
9. *No*

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.

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The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

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Yours sincerely

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