



# North East and North Cumbria

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By Email

Dear

**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 17 July 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.

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**

Please could you provide the following (including both the number of individuals and FTE for each question):

1. The number of neurologists employed within your ICS, including:
  - a. The total number of neurologists
  - b. The number of which are adult neurologists
  - c. The number of which are paediatric neurologists
  - d. How many adult neurologists are epileptologists
  - e. How many paediatric neurologists are epileptologists
  - f. If you do not employ neurologists, please provide details of who provides your neurology services

2. The number of epilepsy specialist nurses (ESNs) employed within your ICS, including:
  - a. The number of which are adult ESNs
  - b. The number of which are paediatric ESNs
  - c. How many adult ESNs have Learning Disability expertise
  - d. How many paediatric ESNs have Learning Disability expertise
3. The number of learning disability nurses who have epilepsy expertise
4. The number of staff working within obstetrics who have epilepsy expertise, and their job titles
  - a. Within this number, how many midwives have epilepsy expertise
5. The number of staff working within neurology who have expertise in obstetrics, and their job titles

## Our Response

*NENC ICB is not a provider of medical services, so this information is not held. We recommend that you contact the Foundation Trusts as follows:*

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

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

Yours sincerely

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