



North East and North Cumbria

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By Email

Dear Sir or Madam

Freedom of Information Act 2000 - Request for Information – NHS North East & North Cumbria Integrated Care Board.

Thank you for your request received by North of England Commissioning Support (NECS) on 29 March 2023 for information held by NHS North East and North Cumbria Integrated Care Board (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.

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

Your Request

Under the Freedom of Information Act, we would like to make a request regarding whether you offer a service for children and young people with tics or Tourette Syndrome in your area, and the name of the provider or providers of this service.

We want to gather this information for each Place within the ICB you are responding from. To facilitate this, please use the attached excel spreadsheet to provide the information for each Place.

We ask that you:

- Return your results using the attached excel sheet.
- Respond to all questions for **each** Place within your ICB.

We ask that you DO NOT collate the results across Places.

1. Please state the name of the Integrated Care Board (ICB) you are responding from.
2. Please list all Places within your ICB

Please send the following questions to each Place within your ICB:

1. Does your Place commission a standalone integrated care pathway for Children and Young People with tics or Tourette Syndrome Please answer YES or NO.
2. If Yes, please provide a copy of the pathway and Standard Operating Process.
3. If Yes, please provide details of each contributing provider including the name of the provider and their contact details.
4. If Yes, please provide the name of the lead commissioner and their contact details.
5. If No, please provide a description of how children and young people with tics and Tourette Syndrome in your Place are currently provided with support. Please include a description of what this service provides, a named contact for the service and their contact details.
6. Do you have plans to improve access to treatment and support for Children & Young People with tics or Tourette Syndrome in your Place? If so, please provide details of what improvements are being planned or implemented.
7. Would you /colleagues in your Place be interested in accessing clinical support/education about tics involving specialist clinicians? If so, please provide details of the type of support or education you would like to receive.
8. Would you/ colleagues in your Place be interested in receiving information on a best practice model? Please answer YES or NO

Our Response

NHS North East and North Cumbria Integrated Care Board and its localities (i.e., places) do not have any specific pathway for TICs/Tourette's. The only time we would offer anything around TICs is if it is extremely severe and is a secondary element such as a response to anxiety or ADHD. We can prescribe medication for anxiety or a particular ADHD medication (if the YP is diagnosed with ADHD) that helps reduce TICs alongside.

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

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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