

Our Reference North East and North Cumbria ICB\
FOI ICB 25–101

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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 on 16 June 2025 for information held by NHS North East and North Cumbria Integrated Care Board (the ICB) under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The ICB 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

I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information from your organisation. Please may you provide me with an answer to the following:

1. Do you commission Community Dermatology Services in your ICB?
2. If so, please can you provide details on the following:
 - a. Name of provider(s)
 - b. Locations they cover (i.e. do they cover the whole ICB area or are they commissioned for specific places/boroughs/local authority areas?)
 - c. How long they are contracted for
 - d. The value of the contract
 - e. How many patients they saw in the last full financial year (e.g. 2024/25)
3. Do you have a tele dermatology pathway? If so, who is commissioned to deliver that service?

Our Response

We can confirm, as per Section 1(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, the ICB holds some of the information you have requested.

However, we have determined that some information is held by the acute hospital NHS foundation trusts (FTs) within the North East and North Cumbria region.

Where this is noted, and in accordance with our duty under s.16 of the FOIA to provide reasonable advice and assistance to an individual requesting information, we have provided the FOI email addresses for those acute hospitals to make your request.

NENC Acute Hospital FTs	Email
County Durham and Darlington NHS FT	cdda-tr.cddftfoi@nhs.net
Gateshead Health NHS FT	ghnt.foi.enquiries@nhs.net
North Cumbria Integrated Care NHS FT	foirequest@cumbria.nhs.uk
North Tees and Hartlepool NHS FT	foi@nth.nhs.uk
Northumbria Healthcare NHS FT	foi@northumbria.nhs.uk
South Tees Hospitals NHS FT	foi@stees.nhs.uk
South Tyneside and Sunderland NHS FT	stsft.freedomofinformation@nhs.net
The Newcastle upon Tyne Hospitals NHS FT	nuth.freedom.information@nhs.net

Community dermatology information was provided in the response to a previous related request, our ref: FOI ICB 24-412 on the NENC ICB FOI Disclosure Log at: [foi-icb-24-412-response-letter.pdf](#).

Tele-dermatology information was provided in the response to a previous related request, our ref: FOI ICB 24-103 on the NENC ICB FOI Disclosure Log at: [foi-icb-24-103-response-letter.pdf](#).

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.

County Durham place

1. Please refer to the response provided in FOI ICB 24-412.
2. In respect of the service detail:
 - a. Please refer to the response provided in FOI ICB 24-412.
 - b. Please refer to the response provided in FOI ICB 24-412.
 - c. The current contract for County Durham and Darlington NHS FT is for 3 years commencing 1 April 2024 with an option to extend for a further 2 years.
 - d. The community dermatology service is included within the wider FT contract and is paid on a block basis with no breakdown available for individual service lines.
 - e. We can confirm, as per Section 1(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, the ICB on this occasion is not able to provide the requested information. In line with your rights under section 1(1)(a) of the Act to be informed whether information is held, we confirm the ICB does not hold any of the information requested. Please redirect your request to County Durham and Darlington NHS FT.
3. The only change to response provided in FOI ICB 24-412 is that there are now only 5 GPs with extended role in Dermatology service commenced in 2016.

Newcastle Gateshead and Northumberland and North Tyneside places

There are no community or tele dermatology services commissioned in Newcastle Gateshead and Northumberland and North Tyneside places.

North Cumbria place

1. Please refer to the response provided in FOI ICB 24-412.
2. In respect of the service detail:
 - a. Please refer to the response provided in FOI ICB 24-412.
 - b. Please refer to the response provided in FOI ICB 24-412.
 - c. The services are contracted for 12 months.
 - d. The contract is part of a group of contracts that is paid as a block. NENC ICB does not hold a value for the Dermatology element on its own.
 - e. We can confirm, as per Section 1(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, the ICB on this occasion is not able to provide the requested information. In line with your rights under section 1(1)(a) of the Act to be informed whether information is held, we confirm the ICB does not hold any of the information requested.
3. There is a tele-Dermatology pathway in North Cumbria. The service is provided by North Cumbria Integrated Care NHS FT.

South Tyneside and Sunderland place

1. Please refer to the response provided in FOI ICB 24-412.
2. In respect of the service detail:
 - a. Please refer to the response provided in FOI ICB 24-412.
 - b. Please refer to the response provided in FOI ICB 24-412.
 - c. The contract is for 3 years till 31/03/2027, with an option to extend for 2 years.
 - d. The community dermatology service is paid on a block basis with no breakdown available for individual service lines.
 - e. We can confirm, as per Section 1(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, the ICB on this occasion is not able to provide the requested information. In line with your rights under section 1(1)(a) of the Act to be informed whether information is held, we confirm the ICB does not hold any of the information requested.
3. County Durham and Darlington NHS FT provides the tele-dermatology pathway for Sunderland patients and some South Tyneside patients. The Newcastle upon Tyne Hospitals NHS FT provides the tele-dermatology pathway for some South Tyneside patients.

Tees Valley place

1. Please refer to the response provided in FOI ICB 24-412.
2. In respect of the service detail:
 - a. South Tees – Skin Clinical Assessment Service**
 - b. One Life Centre – Middlesbrough, University Hospital of North Tees, University Hospital of Hartlepool
 - c. Contract length is 5 years.
 - d. The contract value is part of the block contract with the foundation trust.
 - e. South Tees Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust saw 3685 new patients.
 - a. Ramsay Healthcare – Dermatology**
 - b. The service is provided at the Tees Valley hospital site, Acklam Middlesbrough.
 - c. Contract length is 3 years.
 - d. The dermatology contract value not known as this is part of the overall contract value.
 - e. The number of patients seen is not reported.
 - a. Dr Thakur – The Headland Medical Centre Hartlepool**
 - b. The service is provided in Hartlepool (Minor Skin Surgery).

- c. Contract length is 1 year.
 - d. Activity base contract procedure price in 2024/25 is £101.75.
 - e. There were 239 procedures carried out in 2024/25.
3. There is a tele dermatology pathway in Tees Valley. South Tees Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust and Ramsey – Tees are commissioned to deliver the service.

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 ICB's complaints procedure.

The Information Commissioner can be contacted at Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF or 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 faithfully

Information Governance Support Officer

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