

Our Reference North East and North Cumbria ICB\
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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 10 July 2024 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, Gateshead, Newcastle, North Cumbria, North Tyneside, Northumberland, South Tyneside, Sunderland, and Tees Valley (which covers the five local authorities of Darlington, Hartlepool, Middlesbrough, Redcar and Cleveland and Stockton-on-Tees).

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

Your Request

I would appreciate if you would provide me, under the Freedom of Information Act, details in respect to your Dynamic Support Register (DSR) for children and young people (CYP) within your ICB.

1. How many dynamic support registers (DSR's) does your ICB have for CYP?
 - a. If more than one, what areas do those DSR's cover?
 - b. How are CYP defined in the area (i.e. what age?)
 - c. What are the criteria for being placed on the DSR? Is there a backlog / capacity limit on the DSR?

2. How many individuals are currently on your children and young people (CYP) Dynamic Support Register(s) (DSR)? Please note I am not requesting any identifiable information but purely a numerical answer.
 - a. How many of those CYP are rated red?
 - b. How many of those CYP are rated amber?
 - c. How many of those CYP are rated green?
 - d. How many of those CYP are rated blue?

- e. What are the criteria for a red / amber / green rating on the DSR?
- 3. Of the CYP currently on the DSR, how many are currently receiving a form of behaviourally intensive treatment? Is treatment planned for the other individuals?
- 4. What is the average length of time that an individual is on your CYP DSR for?

Our Response

We can confirm, as per Section 1(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, the ICB does hold the information requested.

1. NENC ICB has 14 dynamic support registers (DSR's) for CYP.
 - a. They cover the areas of Newcastle, Gateshead, Northumberland, North Tyneside, Sunderland South Tyneside, Durham, Cumberland, Westmoreland & Furness, Middlesbrough, Darlington, Redcar & Cleveland, Stockton and Hartlepool.
 - b. CYP is defined as up to the age of 18 years.
 - c. The criteria are risk of specialist inpatient admission, placement breakdown. There is no back log or capacity limit. We are, however, a new team (from 1st April 2024) and are working our way through DSR hand over from previous responsible colleagues across a couple of areas. The Senior Case Managers do, however, have regular contact with NHS and Local Authority teams and attend MDTs.
2. There are approximately 99 individuals currently on the CYP DSR. This figure is noted as approximate as work is still being done on South Tyneside and Northumberland's DSRs.
 - a. CYP rated red: 25.
 - b. CYP rated amber: 44.
 - c. CYP rated green: 26.
 - d. CYP rated blue: 4.
 - e. Criteria for red / amber / green rating on the DSR:

Red – Risk of admission

Amber – Risk of placement breakdown. Recently discharged ongoing monitoring required.

Green – Concerns about current presentation.

3. There are 17 IPBS. It varies for other individuals as they receive person centred treatment and or support.
4. The length of time an individual is on the CYP DSR varies from 3 months to 31 months.

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 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
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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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