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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 25 October 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 am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to formally request information regarding Community Diagnostic Centres (CDC) specific to your geography. Please treat this communication as a request for information under the Act.

1. A list of all operational CDCs relevant to your geographic area, categorised as either 'standard model', 'large model' or 'hub and spoke model', as per NHS England (NHSE) guidance on CDCs ([access link](#)). For those categorised as 'hub and spoke model', please indicate whether the central hub is a 'standard' or 'large model' CDC.
2. A list of any planned CDCs in your area, categorised as either 'standard model', 'large model' or 'hub and spoke model', in line with NHSE guidance on CDCs ([access link](#)). For those categorised as 'hub and spoke model', please highlight whether the central hub is a 'standard' or 'large model' CDC. Additionally, please provide any details on when these CDCs are expected to become operational.
3. For each CDC identified in questions 1 and 2, please indicate whether the following endoscopy services are currently operational or expected to be operational, as outlined by NHS guidance ([Table 1](#) and [Table 2 access link](#)):

- Gastroscopy
- Trans-nasal endoscopy (TNE)
- Oral oesophago-gastro duodenoscopy (OGD)
- Colonoscopy
- Flexi sigmoidoscopy
- Colon capsule endoscopy
- Sponge on a string
- Cystoscopy
- Flexible cystoscopy
- Hysteroscopy
- Colposcopy

For any services expected to be operational in the future, please provide details on the expected start dates.

4. What is the total amount of funding available for the delivery of CDC services in 2024/25 in your area? Has recent published guidance positively impacted the available budget for service delivery? If so, by how much did, or will, the funding increase following the publication of the guidance (access link)?
5. Could you please provide the total funding allocated in 2024/25 across your ICS for the delivery of the following endoscopy services in a CDC setting:
 - Gastroscopy
 - Trans-nasal endoscopy (TNE)
 - Oral oesophago-gastro duodenoscopy (OGD)
 - Colonoscopy
 - Flexi sigmoidoscopy
 - Colon capsule endoscopy
 - Sponge on a string
 - Cystoscopy
 - Flexible cystoscopy
 - Hysteroscopy
 - Colposcopy
6. Please share any national and/or ICS-specific guidance or criteria that informs how CDC-specific funding is allocated per ICS and distributed among CDCs, including any endoscopy-specific funding details.
7. Could you provide a copy of the 2024/25 Revenue funding policy for CDCs as referenced in NHSE published guidance (access link)?

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. Please refer to the attached spreadsheet for the ICB's response to question 1.
2. Please refer to our response to question 1.
3. Please refer to our response to question 1.
4. Total amount of funding available for the delivery of CDC services in 2024/25 is £46,239,005. The referenced guidance does not impact budget.

5. Total funding allocated in 2024/25 is:

- Gastroscopy (this covers TNE and OGD):
 - Trans-nasal endoscopy (TNE) £0
 - Oral oesophago-gastro duodenoscopy (OGD) £2,507,449
- Colonoscopy £3,233,429
- Flexi sigmoidoscopy £627,490
- Colon capsule endoscopy £0
- Sponge on a string £0
- Cystoscopy £0
- Flexible cystoscopy £0
- Hysteroscopy £0
- Colposcopy £0

6. Guidance is documented in the 2024/25 Revenue Funding Policy attached.

7. The 2024/25 Revenue Funding Policy for CDCs as referenced in NHSE published guidance is attached.

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
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SK9 5AF

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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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