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FOI ICB 24–508

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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 27 March 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, 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**

In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I would like to request the following:  
Number of procedures (April 2024 – YTD)

1. For the period 1st of April 2024 to YTD, please provide the names of all independent sector providers that have provided Cataract, YAG capsulotomy procedures, Oculoplastic, AMD & Glaucoma to the ICB.
2. Please provide the total number of procedures (per eye) completed by independent providers (listed below) (broken down by the applicable CCSD or HRG code) for the following surgical procedures between 1st of April 2024 to YTD:
  - a. Cataract with implantation of a spherical (non toric) Intraocular Lens;
  - b. Cataract with implantation of a toric intraocular lens; and
  - c. YAG capsulotomy
  - d. Oculoplastic Procedures
  - e. AMD
  - f. Glaucoma
3. List of independent providers/Trusts: Optegra Spamedica Newmedica Anglia Community Eye Services (ACES) Optical Express CHEC ICB Trust.

4. Please provide the number of procedures (per eye) completed by any independent sector provider other than those listed above for the following surgical procedures (broken down by the applicable CCSD code) between 1st of April 2024 to YTD:
  - a. Cataract with implantation of a spherical (non toric) Intraocular Lens;
  - b. Cataract with implantation of a toric intraocular lens; and
  - c. YAG capsulotomy.
  - d. Oculoplastic Procedures
  - e. AMD
  - f. Glaucoma

## 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, this is available within the NENC ICB publication scheme which can be accessed on the ICB website: [Publications scheme | North East and North Cumbria NHS \(northeastnorthcumbria.nhs.uk\)](https://northeastnorthcumbria.nhs.uk/publications-scheme) or please refer to our previous related request, our ref FOI ICB 24-460 from the NENC ICB FOI Disclosure Log at [Freedom of Information disclosure logs NENC ICB](#)

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.

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  
SK9 5AF

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

Yours sincerely

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