



# North East and North Cumbria

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By Email

Dear

**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 01 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**

I would be most grateful if you would provide me details in respect to the contract below.

The details we require are:

1. Have you (or the previous CCGs areas) ever/in the last 6 years contracted with an independent provider to provide community MSK services?
2. Do you have a separate community provider on patch for musculoskeletal services?
3. If so, who are the providers and which areas of the ICB do they cover?
4. Which MSK services went through procurement and which were a direct award?

5. Actual spend on each contract/framework (and any sub lots), from the start of the contract to the current date and annually Start date & duration of framework/contract/award?
6. Could you please provide a copy of the service/product specification given to all bidders for when this contract was last advertised?
7. Is there an extension clause in the framework(s)/contract(s) and, if so, the duration of the extension?
8. Has a decision been made yet on whether the framework(s)/contract(s) are being either extended or renewed?
9. Who is the senior officer (outside of procurement) responsible for this contract

### **Our Response**

#### ***County Durham place:***

1 - Yes up until 30<sup>th</sup> September 2018

2 - Yes

3 - County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust are the only provider for MSK for County Durham and Darlington.

4 - The MSK service provided by County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust is part of a larger community services contract which was procured.

5 - The contract started on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2018 for 5 years. As it is a block contract there is no financial split available for MSK services

6 – Please see attached

7 - Yes there is an option to extend for a further 5 years

8 - A full review of the contract has commenced prior to a decision being made to invoke the contract extension

9 - General Manager for County Durham and Darlington Community services at County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust

#### ***Newcastle Gateshead place:***

1 - No

2 - No

3 – N/A

4 - NECS297 – MSK; Newcastle Gateshead CCG. Contract Dates 1.10.17 – 30.9.25 (5+2 years procured)

5 – Please see below

	Year 1 (6 months) 1st Oct 2018 - 31st Mar 2019	Year 2 1st Apr 2019- 31st Mar 2020	Year 3 1st Apr 2020-31st Mar 2021	Year 4 1st Apr 2021-31st Mar 2022	Year 5 1st Apr 2022-31st Mar 2023	Year 6 1st Apr 2023-30th Sept 2023
<b>Contract Value</b>	£ 1,689,268	£ 3,378,536	£ 3,378,536	£ 3,378,536	£ 3,378,536	£ 1,689,268
<b>CQUIN</b>	£ 42,231	£ 84,463	£ 84,463	£ 84,463	£ 84,463	£ 42,231
<b>Total</b>	£ 1,731,499	£ 3,462,999	£ 3,462,999	£ 3,462,999	£ 3,462,999	£ 1,731,499

6 – Please see attached

7 - As advertised to all prospective providers before the award of this Contract, the Commissioners may opt to extend the Contract Term by 2 years.

8 - Yes

9 - Head of Performance and Provider Management

**North Cumbria place:**

1 - No

2 - No, delivered by integrated acute and community provider

3 – N/A

4 - N/A

5 - N/A

6 - N/A

7 - N/A

8 - N/A

9 - N/A

**North and South Tyneside place:**

1 - Yes

2 - Yes

3 - Connect Physical Health Ltd

4 – Please see below

NECS184 – MSK; North Tyneside CCG. Contract Dates 1.1.17 – 31.3.24 (3 years 3 months + 2 years procured)

NECS039 - MSK, Pain Management and Community Physiotherapy; South Tyneside CCG. Contract dates 1.10.16 – 30.9.2021 (3+2 years Procured)

5 – Please see below

South Tyneside Block contract £1,172,000 – annual spend  
01/04/2022 – 31/03/2027

*North Tyneside Block contract £1,065,000 – annual spend  
01/04/2022 – 31/03/2024*

*6 – Please see attached*

*7 – Please see below*

*South Tyneside a further two years  
North Tyneside extended until March 2024*

*8 – No decision has been made yet*

*9 – Please see below*

*South Tyneside – Devyn Grainger & Mark Caizley  
North Tyneside – Steve Rundle & Mark Caizley*

***Northumberland place:***

*1 - No*

*2 - Yes*

*3 - Northumbria Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust - Northumberland*

*4 - NECS311 – MSK; Northumberland CCG. Contract Dates 1.10.18 – 30.9.2025 (5+2  
Years procured)*

*5 – Please see below*

*The expected annual contract value was £2,636,352 per annum.*

*Contract Start:01/07/2019*

*End Date: 30/06/2024*

*6 – Please see attached*

*7 - Yes, a two-year extension option*

*8 - No decision has been made yet*

*9 - The Northumberland Commissioning and Contracting Manager manages the MSK  
contract along with the Senior Head of Commissioning for Planned Care.*

***Sunderland place:***

*1 – No (answer for Sunderland but Yes for whole ICB)*

*2 – Yes*

*3 – South Tyneside and Sunderland NHS Foundation Trust for Sunderland*

4 – NECS040 – MSK; Sunderland CCG. Contract dates 1.10.15 – 30.09.20 (3+2 Years procured).

5 – Contract value is estimated to be £1.951m per year. Contract is part of the annual fixed payment under the national API arrangements with NHS Foundation Trusts

6 – Please see attached

7 – No

8 – Yes – contract has been renewed for 2023/24

9 – Matt Thubron

**Tees Valley place:**

1 - Yes

2 - Yes

3 - The provider is Connect Health and the service is for patients living in Darlington

4 – Please see below

NECS225 – MSK (Darlington); Tees valley CCG. Contract dates 1.4.17 – 31.3.22 (3+2 years procured)

NECS351 – MSK; Tees Valley CCG. Contract Dates 1.4.22 – 31.3.25 (2+1 Years Procured)

5 - Contract started 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2024. Total contract value - £1,057,803 per year

6 – Please see attached

7 - Yes - The extension clause is for 1 year

8 - No

9 - Katie McLeod, Head of Commissioning and Strategy, North East North Cumbria Integrated Care Board

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cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the complaints procedure provided by The North of England Commissioning Support Unit.

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Yours sincerely

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