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Freedom of Information Act 2000 - Request for Information – NHS North East & North Cumbria Integrated Care Board (ICB)

Thank you for your request received by North of England Commissioning Support (NECS) on 01 June 2023 for information held by NHS North East and North Cumbria Integrated Care Board (NENC ICB) under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

NENC ICB covers the areas of County Durham, Gateshead, Newcastle, North Cumbria, North Tyneside, Northumberland, South Tyneside, Sunderland and Tees Valley (which covers the 5 councils that make it up – Darlington, Hartlepool, Middlesbrough, Redcar & Cleveland and Stockton-on-Tees).

Details of Request

- 1) Does your ICB fund IVF for women who do not possess a uterus, but meet all other set-out criteria, and are willing to fund the cost of a surrogate?
- 2) Does your ICB fund IVF for women who have MRKH, but meet all other set-out criteria, and are willing to fund the cost of a surrogate?

Response

Whilst the policy does not cover specific conditions, it does state that any treatment requiring surrogacy (paid or altruistic) is not commissioned by the NHS.

It also states that we do not commission treatment when sub fertility is due to previous sterilisation procedure.

Policy attached for reference.



VBC Policy V12 -
Fertility Policy.pdf

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.

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The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
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Yours sincerely

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