

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 26 June 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).

We have dealt with your request in accordance with your “right to know” under section 1(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (subsequently referred to as FOIA2000) which entitles you to be provided with information “held” by a public authority unless an appropriate exemption applies.

Your Request

- 1) Please provide an outline of which elective mental health services you have and how they fit together, for example a service map or policy.
- 2) Please provide a list of all providers the ICB holds contracts with for elective mental health services for adults (>18-years-old) that require a GP referral to access, and the first appointment is not with a consultant or a member of a consultant’s team.

For each provider, please provide:

- 3) the service name.
- 4) Please state the clinician role who provides that first appointment (i.e. is clinically responsible for) the service. I am not interested in personally identifiable information, I am interested in the position, e.g. psychologist or mental health nurse.
- 5) the service specification (whether standalone or integrated in a broader service specification).
- 6) the total number of referrals received in NHS Financial Year 2023/24.
- 7) the total number of patients who started treatment in NHS Financial Year 2023/24.

- 8) the total spend on the service in NHS Financial Year 2023/24.
- 9) the current wait time.
- 10) the current size of the waiting list and the date this was correct at.

The questions are in priority order, if this TAKES TOO LONG, please prioritise questions 1-4. Please provide answers to questions 2-10 in table form.

To clarify: By 'elective mental health services' we mean elective routine mental health services. Specifically, for treatment that is not identified as being immediately required at the time of referral. This would exclude urgent or emergency referrals/services.

Our Response

On this occasion it is not possible to provide the requested information. In line with your rights under section 1(1)(a) of the Act to be informed whether information is held, we confirm the ICB does not hold any of the information requested. However, we have determined that the information is held by the mental health hospital NHS foundation trusts (FTs) within the North East and North Cumbria region.

In accordance with our duty under s.16 of the FOIA to provide reasonable advice and assistance to an individual requesting information, we have provided the FOI email addresses for those hospitals to make your request.

NENC Mental Health Hospital FTs	Email
Cumbria, Northumberland, Tyne and Wear NHS FT	foi@cntw.nhs.uk
Tees, Esk and Wear Valley NHS FT	tewv.foi@nhs.net

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

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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Information Governance Officer