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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 27 April 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.

Details of Request and Response

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, can you provide the following information:

- 1) A record and minute from any meeting of the ICB which discussed how to ensure best practice is shared between each Sub-ICB Location (SICBL)?

We can inform you it is implicit in all our work but unknown if recorded in minutes.

- 2) What policies does the ICB have in place to ensure that patients have access to the best care within the ICS, regardless of where they live in that area; and how many patients have had care commissioned within ICS, but outside of their local Sub-ICB Location (SICBL)?

Part 1 – please refer to our Integrated Care Strategy
[final-nenc-integrated-care-strategy-16-december-2022.pdf](#)
northeastnorthcumbria.nhs.uk

In relation to part 2 of your request we do not hold the information in the format you have requested. The whereabouts of where you live in the Sub ICB location determines where your local provider is. The table below gives an example, we have provided County Durham to demonstrate this rationale.

This table shows for the month of April 2022 the number of inpatients by provider, the most popular ones are at the top, but we can't really tell if this would have been their local hospital as it would depend on the whereabouts of where they lived.



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- 3) Any analysis completed by the ICB on the impact on patients following the integration of its SICBLs?

Not aware of any

- 4) What policies does ICB have that are aimed at tackling a) the impact of deprivation on patients and b) inequalities in line with the Core20Plus5 framework?

Integrated Care Strategy – as above

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Yours sincerely

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