



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 15 February 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

Tier 3

1. Does your Primary Care Organisation (PCO) offer a tier 3 weight management service (or equivalent specialist weight management service)? Is it self-commissioned? If commissioned elsewhere, where (other ICB/ health board/ trust)?
2. For how many patients is your PCO's tier 3 weight management service (or equivalent specialist weight management service) commissioned for?

3. How many patients have been referred from your PCO to a tier 3 weight management service (or equivalent specialist weight management service) in the past 12 months?
4. What is the average waiting time to access your Tier 3 weight management service (or equivalent specialist weight management service) in the past 12 months?

Tier 4

5. Does your PCO have access to a tier 4 weight management service? If so, who Commissions it?
6. How many patients have been referred to your PCO's tier 4 weight management service (or equivalent specialist weight management service) in the past 12 months?
7. What is the current number of patients on a waiting list for Tier 4 weight management services in your PCO?
8. What is the average waiting time to access your Tier 4 weight management service?

Other

9. How many patients were referred through the 'local enhanced service for referrals' to weight management services in your PCO?

Applicant asked that if a question is not relevant, state N/A.

Our Response

County Durham place:

Tier 3

- 1 - *The tier 3 weight management service is offered by County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust for County Durham.*
- 2 - *The service is not commissioned for a specific number of patients.*
- 3 - *The number of patients referred to the tier 3 weight management service in the past 12 months will need to be provided by County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust – we do not hold this level of information.*
- 4 - *The average waiting time to access the Tier 3 weight management service in the past 12 months will need to be provided by County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust – we do not hold this level of information.*

Tier 4

- 5 - *The tier 4 weight management service is offered by County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust for County Durham.*
- 6 - *The service is not commissioned for a specific number of patients.*
- 7 - *The number of patients referred to the Tier 4 weight management service in the past 12 months will need to be provided by County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust – we do not hold this level of information.*
- 8 - *The average waiting time to access the Tier 4 weight management service in the past 12 months will need to be provided by County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust – we do not hold this level of information.*

Other

9 - Not Applicable

Gateshead place:

Gateshead no longer has a tier 3 weight management programme. The commissioned service was from end of May and the activity that was commissioned was delivered by December. We have attached the information that we do hold.

Tier 3

- 1 - Service was commissioned by ICB (Gateshead Place)
- 2 - The plan is to deliver the service to approximately 500 participants
- 3 - Contract is 10 months - From June 2022 – January 2023 – 495 patients referred.
- 4 - N/A

Tier 4

Questions 5 through 9 are N/A as Tier 4 is delivered by the trust so we don't hold that level of information.

North Cumbria place:

Tier 3

- 1 - Yes, self-commissioned.
- 2 - In North Cumbria, 78,928 (33,393 male, 36,039 female) adults, 30% of the adult population are obese. Of the total population that is obese it is estimated that 17,000 (19%) could be eligible for a Tier 3 service. Service is funded for approximately 300 patients to go through the service per year.
- 3 - 512
- 4 - Current waiting time is 12 months due to service commencing within the last 12 months, lack of a robust previous service and a backlog in referral demand.

Tier 4

- 5 - Yes, commissioned by Lancashire and South Cumbria ICB
- 6 - 59 first outpatient attendances (as a proxy for referrals – referrals data not available)
- 7 - 15
- 8 - 4.2 weeks

Other

9 - This is data that NHSE collects

Sunderland place:

Tier 3

- 1 – Yes
- 2 – 300

3 – 328

4 – *The ICB does not hold this level of information. This will need to be sourced from South Tyneside and Sunderland NHS Foundation Trust*

Tier 4

5 – Yes

6 – 390

7 – *The ICB does not hold this level of information. This will need to be sourced from South Tyneside and Sunderland NHS Foundation Trust*

8 – *The ICB does not hold this level of information. This will need to be sourced from South Tyneside and Sunderland NHS Foundation Trust*

Other

9 – N/A

Tees Valley place:

Tier 3

1 - *The tier 3 weight management service is offered by South Tees Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust for Tees Valley*

2 - *The service is not commissioned for a specific number of patients.*

3 - *The number of patients referred to the tier 3 weight management service in the past 12 months will need to be provided by South Tees Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust – we do not hold this level of information.*

4 - *The average waiting time to access the Tier 3 weight management service in the past 12 months will need to be provided by South Tees Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust – we do not hold this level of information.*

Tier 4

5 - *The tier 4 weight management service is offered by South Tees Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust and North Tees Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust.*

6 - *The service is not commissioned for a specific number of patients.*

7 - *The number of patients referred to the Tier 4 weight management service in the past 12 months will need to be provided by South Tees Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust and North Tees Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust.– we do not hold this level of information.*

8 - *The average waiting time to access the Tier 4 weight management service in the past 12 months will need to be provided by South Tees Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust and North Tees Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust.– we do not hold this level of information.*

Other

9 - Not Applicable

Newcastle place:

Tier 3

1 - *The ICB commissions a partial tier 3 weight management service from Newcastle Hospitals NHSFT.*

2 - For the population of Newcastle.

3 - This information is not readily available from the ICB. The provider would have access to this.

4 - As above.

Tier 4

5 - Locally the ICB commissions tier 4 from Northumbria Healthcare NHSFT and South Tyneside and Sunderland NHSFT.

6 - This information is not readily available from the ICB. The provider would have access to this.

7 - As above.

8 - As above.

Other

9 - Weight Management is a DES and is managed by NHS England. The ICB does not have the information. NHS E would have to be approached.

North Tyneside place:

This information will need to be obtained from the Foundation Trust as they are the provider of the service.

South Tyneside place:

Tier 3

1 - South Tyneside has a surgical tier 3 service only, delivered by STSFT. NENC ICB commission.

2 - This service is not commissioned for a specific number as it is part of a block contract

3 - The ICB does not currently hold this information

4 - The ICB does not currently hold this information

5 - We have a Tier 4, delivered by STSFT with NENC ICB as the commissioner

For questions 6, 7, 8, 9 The ICB does not currently hold this information. This information will need to be obtained from the Foundation Trust as they are the provider of the service.

Northumberland place:

This information will need to be obtained from the Foundation Trust as they are the provider of the service.

I'm including the following Foundation Trust contact info for the ICB Places that have indicated the information would be held by them as the service providers:

County Durham & Darlington NHS Foundation Trust – cdda-tr.cddffoi@nhs.net
Tees, Esk & Wear Valley NHS Trust – tewv.ftmembership@nhs.net
South Tees Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust – foi@stees.nhs.uk
Northumbria Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust – foi@northumbria.nhs.uk
Gateshead Health NHS Foundation Trust – ghnt.foi.enquiries@nhs.net
Newcastle Upon Tyne Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust –
nuth.freedom.information@nhs.net
Cumbria, Northumberland, Tyne & Wear NHS Foundation Trust – foi@ntw.nhs.uk
North Tees & Hartlepool NHS Foundation Trust – foi@nth.nhs.uk
South Tyneside and Sunderland NHS Foundation Trust –
Stsft.freedomofinformation@nhs.net
North Cumbria Integrated Care Foundation NHS Trust – FOIRequests@ncic.nhs.uk

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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 make a complaint or 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.

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Yours sincerely

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