



North East and North Cumbria

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Dear

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 19 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).

Please find the information you requested on behalf of the ICB as follows.

Your Request and Our Response

I would like you to please answer the following questions that relate to commissioning and procurements that have been run in North East and North Cumbria ICS under both the Public Contracts Regulations and the Procurement, Patient Choice and Competition Regulations (PPCCR) regime since 1st July 2022.

For context, we are trying to find out if North East and North Cumbria ICS is running procurements under both the Public Contracts Regulations and the Procurement, Patient Choice and Competition Regulations (PPCCR) regime (herein referred to as the current procurement rules), and we want to clarify how many procurements were run under these procurement regimes. To be clear, the procurements we are referring to are for clinical healthcare services only.

This response is being provided on behalf of NHS North East and North Cumbria Integrated Care Board ('NENC ICB') (as the statutory body), rather than the Integrated Care System (ICS). The ICS is a collection of organisations rather than a statutory body.

To clarify, all healthcare procurements are undertaken via the Public Contracts Regulations 2015, under the Light Touch Regime (Regulation 74) specifically for healthcare services.

1. What is the total number of procurements (*clinical healthcare services only*) that North East and North Cumbria ICS have conducted since 1st July 2022?

Total number of healthcare only services procured by NENC ICB from 1 July 2022 to present (19 June 2023) is: 4

Note – in this context it has been assumed that 'procurements' refers to services where the ICB has undertaken a tender exercise. NENC ICB has a large number of contracts for existing services which have been extended or 'rolled over' where a full procurement has been deemed to be not practicable or reasonable.

2. Has North East and North Cumbria ICS made any procurements (*clinical healthcare services only*) of a new service under the current procurement rules since 1st July 2022? (*by new service meaning not previously being delivered by a provider*).

There have not been any new services procured by NENC ICB since 1st July 2022

3. If yes to *b*, how many procurements (*clinical healthcare services only*) of a new service has North East and North Cumbria ICS made under the current procurement rules since 1st July 2022? (*by new service meaning not previously being delivered by a provider*).

Not clear what reference to 'yes to b' means, however seems to be same question as above (point 2)

4. If yes to *c*, what type of organisation won each procurement (*clinical healthcare services only*) – Please also provide the names of each successful organisation; and whether they are private, social enterprise, charity or public; and what the contract was for.

Not sure what reference to 'yes c' means, however the information of the successful bidders are published via Contracts Finder and Find A Tender Service.

Project Reference:	Service Provision Detail:	Place:	Contract Value:	Contract Award Date:	Provider(s):
NECS375	Home Oxygen Assessment Service	County Durham Redcar and Cleveland Middlesborough Stockton on Tees Hartlepool Sunderland South Tyneside Gateshead	Tariff based (£109.84 per patient)	12-01-23	Baywater Healthcare UK Ltd (Tees Valley/ Sunderland & South Tyneside) / Gateshead NHS County Durham & Darlington NHS Foundation Trust (County Durham and Darlington)
NECS417	Alternative to Crisis	Newcastle	£1,035,000.00	24-01-23	Mental Health Concern
NECS437	TOP	Redcar, Cleveland Middlesborough Stockton on Tees Hartlepool	£5,976,875.00	No contract awarded (failed procurement) re-procurement underway	
NECS439	Community Age Related Hearing Loss Service	Cleveland Middlesborough Stockton on Tees Hartlepool Darlington	AQP £12,031,852.00	28-03-23	County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust / Minor Ops Limited/ North Tees and Hartlepool NHS Foundation Trust/ Scrivens Ltd/ Specsavers Optical Superstores

5. If no to c (so an existing service), what was each type of incumbent provider? - Please also provide the names of each incumbent successful organisation; and whether they are private, social enterprise, charity or public; and what the contract was for.

Not sure what reference to 'no to c' means, however the information of successful bidders are published via Contracts Finder and Find A Tender Service.

6. Of each of those listed in e, did the incumbent provider win the procurement (clinical healthcare services only)? – Please also provide the names of each successful organisation; and whether they are private, social enterprise, charity or public; and what the contract was for.

Information of successful bidders are published via Contracts Finder and Find A Tender Service.

If no to f, what was the provider type for each of the successful new providers? Please also provide the names of each successful organisation; and whether they are private, social enterprise, charity or public; and what the contract was for.

As above, not sure what reference to 'no to f' means, however the information of successful bidders are published via Contracts Finder and Find A Tender Service.

In line 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 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.

If you are not content with the outcome your complaint, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. 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:

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Yours sincerely

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