



North East and North Cumbria

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By Email

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 08 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

I would like to request the answers to the following questions.

- 1) How many patients have been screened for breast cancer within your organisation in the last 12 months?
- 2) How many patients attended symptomatic clinics for potential breast cancer within your organisation within the last 12 months?

- 3) Over the last 12 months, how many patients has your organisation treated or screened for breast cancer with the following modalities?
 - a) Mammography
 - b) Tomosynthesis
 - c) Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI)
 - d) Computerised Tomography (CT)

- 4) How many mammography examinations have taken place in the last 12 months?
 - a) How many of the above patients received contrast media enhanced mammography?

- 5) How many individual devices does your organisation have for patients to access within your geographical catchment area?
 - a) Standard Mammography
 - b) Digital Mammography
 - c) Tomosynthesis
 - d) Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI)
 - e) Computerised Tomography (CT)

- 6) How many private providers offer access for potential breast cancer patients within your catchment area to the following modalities?
 - a) Mammography
 - b) Tomosynthesis
 - c) Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI)
 - d) Computerised Tomography (CT)

- 7) If yes to the above question, please can you name those providers?

Our Response

NENC ICB does not hold the requested information. You will need to redirect your request to NHS England as they commission breast screening services. This link seems to support that view: [NHS commissioning » Public health commissioning \(england.nhs.uk\)](#)

Their contact email address for making Freedom of Information requests is england.contactus@nhs.net

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:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
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Yours sincerely

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