



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 21 September 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 am submitting this request, under the Freedom of Information Act and the Code of Practice on Openness in the NHS. Please confirm the Trust holds the following data, and where it is held, please provide the data as requested.

1. Please provide the ICB-wide commissioning policy for neurology services
2. Please provide the name of all providers of neurology services in the ICB

For each provider:

3. Please identify whether they are an NHS or independent sector provider
4. Please share the service specification in place with the provider
5. Please identify whether they offer:
 - a) acute (admitted) services (Y/N)
 - b) elective (admitted) services (Y/N)
 - c) elective (outpatient) services (Y/N)
6. Please list all outpatient pathways delivered
7. Please list all outpatient pathways that are provided fully remotely
8. Please list all outpatient pathways that are provided partially remotely

9. Please identify they offer a dedicated headache clinic
10. Please provide the total number of referrals received in:
 - a) NHS Financial Year 2022/23
 - b) NHS Financial Year 2023/24 YTD
 - c) Please indicate the cut-off date used for NHS Financial Year 2023/24 for Q10
11. Please provide the total number of patients who started treatment in:
 - a) NHS Financial Year 2022/23
 - b) NHS Financial Year 2023/24 YTD
 - c) Please indicate the cut-off date used for NHS Financial Year 2023/24 for Q11
12. Please provide the total financial sum received from the ICB in:
 - a) NHS Financial Year 2022/23
 - b) NHS Financial Year 2023/24 YTD
 - c) Please indicate the cut-off date used for NHS Financial Year 2023/24 for Q12

Our Response

County Durham place

1. There is no commissioning policy for neurology services.
2. County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust (CDDFT) provides neurology services within County Durham.
3. CDDFT is an NHS Trust provider.
4. Service specification for CDDFT Neurology service is:



CDDFT - Neurology
Service Specification.

NENC ICB does not hold the information requested for questions 5 to 12 in County Durham place. Please redirect your query to CDDFT using the email below.

Gateshead place

NENC ICB does not hold this information for Gateshead place. Please redirect your query to Gateshead Health NHS FT, using the email below.

Newcastle place

NENC ICB does not hold this information for Newcastle place. Please redirect your query to the Newcastle Upon Tyne Hospitals NHS FT, using the email below.

North Cumbria place

1. There is no ICB-wide commissioning policy for neurology services.
2. North Cumbria Integrated Care NHS FT (NCIC) provides neurology services in North Cumbria place.
3. NCIC is an NHS provider.
4. There is no service specification in place, but the provider is required to comply with all regulatory requirements and service standards as per service conditions 2 and 3 of the NHS Standard Contract.
5. The provider offers elective (outpatient) services.

NENC ICB does not hold the information requested for questions 6 to 12 in North Cumbria place. Please redirect your query to NCIC, using the email below.

North Tyneside place

NENC ICB does not hold this information for North Tyneside place. Please redirect your query to Northumbria Healthcare NHS FT, using the email below.

Northumberland place

NENC ICB does not hold this information for Northumberland place. Please redirect your query to Northumbria Healthcare NHS FT, using the email below.

South Tyneside place

NENC ICB does not hold this information for South Tyneside place. Please redirect your query to South Tyneside and Sunderland NHS FT, using the email below.

Sunderland place

1. There is no ICB-wide commissioning policy for neurology services in place. There is no specific commissioning policy for Neurology in Sunderland.
2. South Tyneside and Sunderland NHS Foundation Trust provides the service.
3. They are an NHS provider.
4. There is no specific service specification in place with the provider.
5. They offer acute (admitted) and elective (admitted and outpatient) services.
6. The ICB does not hold this level of information at Sunderland place.
7. See response to question 6.
8. See response to question 6.
9. The provider offers a dedicated headache clinic.
10. See response to question 6.
11. Total numbers of patients and treatment start times:
 - a) 2564 (new RTT clock starts)
 - b) 1048 (new RTT clock starts)
 - c) August 2024
12. Financial sum received information:
 - a) The ICB does not hold this level of information at Sunderland place. The financial values for this service are part of the national block payment arrangements.
 - b) See response to question 12a.
 - c) Not applicable

Tees Valley place

1. The ICB Value Based Commissioning Policy that includes relevant services can be accessed using the link [icbp040-vbc-policy-11.pdf \(northeastnorthcumbria.nhs.uk\)](https://www.northeastnorthcumbria.nhs.uk/~/media/040-vbc-policy-11.pdf)
2. South Tees Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust provides neurology services in the ICB in Tees Valley.
3. South Tees Hospitals NHS FT is an NHS provider.
4. Currently there is no service specification with the provider. This is to be developed.
5. Services offered include
 - a) acute (admitted) services
 - b) elective (admitted) services
 - c) elective (outpatient) services

NENC ICB does not hold this information for Tees Valley place. Please redirect your query to South Tees Hospitals NHS FT, using the email below.

The table below shows email contact details for Freedom of Information Teams in North East and North Cumbria acute hospital trusts.

NENC Acute Hospital FTs	Email
County Durham & Darlington NHS FT	cdda-tr.cddffoi@nhs.net
Gateshead Health NHS FT	ghnt.foi.enquiries@nhs.net
North Cumbria Integrated Care NHS FT	FOIrequest@cumbria.nhs.uk
North Tees & Hartlepool NHS FT	foi@nth.nhs.uk
Northumbria Healthcare NHS FT	foi@northumbria.nhs.uk
South Tees Hospitals NHS FT	foi@stees.nhs.uk
South Tyneside and Sunderland NHS FT	stsft.freedomofinformation@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
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

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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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