



# 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 04 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.

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

**Your Request**

Can you please provide me with the following information in regard to the Integrated Care Board medicines management/optimisation?

- 1- Can you please tell me how the ICB medicines management will be structured going forwards and where the team will be located compared to the previous CCGs?
- 2- Can you please provide me with the email and telephone number for the best point of contact regarding vitamin D prescribing in the ICB?
- 3- Can you please provide me with a copy of any vitamin D prescribing guidance that the ICB are currently following?
- 4- Can you please tell me when the current vitamin D guidance is likely to be reviewed and who within the ICB would be involved in such a review?

- 5- Can you please tell me what the process would be to submit information on any new products for consideration for that guidance review?

## **Our Response**

*1. Any changes to the medicines management provision or alignment in future will be subject to consultation as described in organisational policies.*

*2. Current APCs' Professional Secretaries:*

*South Tyneside and Sunderland Hayder Quereshi [hayder.gureshi@nhs.net](mailto:hayder.gureshi@nhs.net)*

*Durham and Tees Valley Gavin Mankin [gavin.mankin@nhs.net](mailto:gavin.mankin@nhs.net)*

*North of Tyne Susan Turner [susanturner4@nhs.net](mailto:susanturner4@nhs.net)*

*However this will shortly change to the professional secretary for the ICB medicines approval committee which is not yet in place*

*3. Currently NENC ICB retains the Vitamin D guidelines for sub-ICB places as approved by the current three Area Prescribing Committees in the region. These are available at: [Formularies & Guidelines - NECS Medicines Optimisation \(necsu.nhs.uk\)](https://necsu.nhs.uk)*

*4. There are no plans at this stage to review the guidelines*

*5. Yet to be decided*

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  
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per the Re-Use of Public Sector Information Regulations 2015 [www.legislation.gov.uk](http://www.legislation.gov.uk) .  
This will not affect your initial information request.

Yours sincerely

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