



North East and North Cumbria

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Applicant
By Email

Dear Applicant,

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 08/09/2023 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 emailing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act relating to long-acting reversible contraception (LARC).

Please could you confirm:

- 1. In the financial year 2022/23, how much money did the ICBs pay to general practices to fit LARCs?
 - a. What channel was this predominately paid via (i.e., LES/LCS)?****
- 2. How many general practices were able to offer LARC fittings in 2022/23?**
- 3. How many LARC fittings were made in general practice in your ICB in 2022/23?**
- 4. What was the prescribing rate for LARCs in general practices in your footprint in 2022/23?**

5. In the financial year 2019/20, how much money did the ICBs pay to general practices to fit LARCs?
 - a. What channel was this predominately paid via (i.e., LES/LCS)?
6. How many general practices were able to offer LARC fittings in 2019/20?
7. How many LARC fittings were made in general practice in your ICB in 2019/20?
8. What was the prescribing rate for LARCs in general practices in your footprint in 2019/20?
9. How many general practices fall within your remit?
10. What was your total patient population for 2022/23?

Our Response

1 – 6: *In accordance with section 1 of the act this information cannot be provided as it is not held by NENC ICB. It is likely this information is held by the local authorities. Please redirect your request to them on the below email addresses:*

NENC Local Authorities	Email
Cumbria County Council	information.governance@cumbria.gov
Darlington Borough Council	freedomofinformation@darlington.gov.uk
Durham County Council	foi@durham.gov.uk
Gateshead Council	informationrights@gateshead.gov.uk
Hartlepool Borough Council	freedomofinformation@hartlepool.gov.uk
Middlesbrough Borough Council	foi@middlesbrough.gov.uk
Newcastle City Council	freedomofinformation@newcastle.gov.uk
North Tyneside Council	foiofficer@northtyneside.gov.uk
Northumberland County Council	foi@northumberland.gov.uk
Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council	information_security@redcar-cleveland.gov.uk
South Tyneside Council	foi@southtyneside.gov.uk
Stockton on Tees Borough Council	foiandcomplaints@stockton.gov.uk
Sunderland City Council	freedom.information@sunderland.gov.uk

7: *It is likely this information is held by either the local authorities or individual GP practices.*

8: *In accordance with section 1 of the act this information cannot be provided as it is not held by NENC ICB. It is likely this information is held by the NHS Business Services Authority. Before sending your request, you might want to check if the information is already available under their publication scheme: <https://www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/what-we-do/publication-scheme>*

Please redirect your request to them on the below email addresses:
foirequests@nhsbsa.nhs.uk

9: There are 346 GP Practices in North East & North Cumbria ICB.

10: As of April 2023, the patient population registered with GP's was 3,180,324 people. Please note this is publicly accessible information which is published by NHS Digital:

<https://digital.nhs.uk/data-and-information/publications/statistical/patients-registered-at-a-gp-practice>

For historic data you can download csv files. It is important to note that these spreadsheets utilise ICB Sub location codes. For NENC ICB these are: 00L, 00N, 00P, 01H, 13T, 16C, 84H, 99C.

You can also find these codes on the NHS Business Services Authority website:

<https://www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/sicbls-icbs-and-other-providers/organisation-and-prescriber-changes/sub-icb-locations>

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

www.ico.org.uk

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

Ehren Smith

Information Governance Officer