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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 5 July 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 writing to request the following information regarding A&E departments in the area covered by NHS North East and North Cumbria ICB and their status on whether they have been downgraded or closed since May 2010 under the Freedom of Information Act.

I would like the information presented as an Excel (see attached).

1. All hospitals A&E/emergency departments/urgent care services in the NHS North East and North Cumbria ICB area as of May 2010.
 - a. While I understand that ICBs only came into existence last year, and their precursor CCGs were created in 2012, hopefully retained archival data from the former Primary Care Trusts should be able to help.
 - b. If it is not possible to access this information as far back as May 2010, can you please provide this information for as early as possible and please state the selected date.
2. The NHS trust and ICB they are under
3. Location of the service/hospital – e.g. town or village

4. The type of emergency/urgent care provision that was provided at the hospital in May 2010 (e.g. major A&E, minor injuries, urgent care centre, etc.)
5. The type of provision that is provided there today
6. Whether or not each department has been 'downgraded', 'upgraded', had no change, or been shut down entirely, or if it is a brand-new service (A downgrade means a reduction in provision, i.e. if a major A&E unit became an urgent care centre, an upgrade is the opposite)

Note: Please include new emergency departments created since May 2010 where no provision had existed before and mark these N/A or 'Did not exist' – under the downgrade/upgrade column this could be classified as new department. To clarify, the request is about all emergency/urgent care facilities not just A&Es.

Our Response

The response to your request is documented on the attached spreadsheet.

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.gov.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

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