



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 01/12/23 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 make a request for the following information relating to any live contracts you hold for ADHD/ASD Assessment.

For each contract, please may you confirm:

- 1. The supplier(s)**
- 2. A short description of the service provided.**
- 3. The total value of the contract.**
- 4. The start and end date of the contract. Is there a possibility of a contract extension?**
- 5. Was the contract awarded via framework? If so, which**

Our Response

The below table responds to Questions 1 – 3.

Supplier Name	Short Description of service provided	Total contract value*	Start Date	End Date
Psychiatry UK (North Cumbria)	Provided in North Cumbria only - online ADHD Online ADHD Assessment, Diagnostic & Management Service	Cost per case (forecasted expected annual value - £1.1m)	01/04/23	31/03/24
Psychiatry UK (Newcastle and Gateshead)	Adult remote/online assessment, diagnosis, and titration for a specific cohort of patients transferred from the CNTW waiting list.	£380,000	01/10/22	30/09/23
Psychiatry UK (Northumberland)	Adult remote/online assessment, diagnosis, and titration for a specific cohort of patients transferred from the CNTW waiting list.	£0**	01/04/23	31/03/24
North Cumbria Integrated Care NHS Foundation Trust (NCIC)	CYP ASD Diagnostic and support	Part of overall block contract value	01/04/23	31/03/24
CNTW (North Cumbria)	CYP ADHD assessment/ diagnostic and ongoing support for medication Adult ASD Diagnostic	Part of overall block contract value	01/04/23	31/03/24
Tees, Esk & Wear Valley FT	A. An adult Specialist Autism Service. B. An Adult specialist ADHD Service. C. Children and young people neurodevelopmental service, covering both ADHD and ASD presentations. The service specification for this service is still in development and can be shared	Part of overall block contract value	01/04/2023	31/03/2024

	once finalised and varied into the contract.			
Cumbria, Northumberland Tyne and Wear NHS FT	ADHD – Children and adults' assessment, diagnosis, titration, and annual review. Autism – Children and adults' assessment and diagnosis.	Part of overall block contract value	01/04/23	31/03/24
Newcastle upon Tyne Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust (NuTH)	Autism assessments – pre-school children	Part of overall block contract value	01/04/23	31/03/24
South Tyneside and Sunderland NHS Foundation Trust (STSFT)	Autism assessments – pre-school children	Part of overall block contract value	01/04/23	31/03/24

**Question 3. Where block contracts have been stated this is because it is not possible to provide the requested information. In line with your rights under section 1(1)(a) of the Act to be informed whether information is held, we confirm the ICB does not hold any of the information requested. This is due to the fact the block contracts do not separate spend to this level. You may wish to redirect your request to the provider organisations. They can be contacted on:*

NENC Acute Hospital FTs	Email
North Cumbria Integrated Care NHS FT	foirequest@cumbria.nhs.uk
South Tyneside and Sunderland NHS FT	stsft.freedomofinformation@nhs.net
The Newcastle Upon Tyne Hospitals NHS FT	nuth.freedom.information@nhs.net

NENC Mental Health Hospital FTs	Email
Cumbria, Northumberland, Tyne & Wear NHS FT	foi@cntw.nhs.uk
Tees, Esk & Wear Valley NHS FT	tewv.foi@nhs.net

***Question 3. The Psychiatry UK (Northumberland) contract value is stated as £0. This contract was drawn up as part of a waiting list initiative. It was put in place to ensure there was an agreement whilst the care delivery completes.*

Question 4. It is not possible to provide the requested information. In line with your rights under section 1(1)(a) of the Act to be informed whether information is held, we confirm the ICB does not hold any of the information requested. This is due to the question being out of scope of the Freedom of Information Act which covers requests for recorded information. For further information on what is classified as recorded information please see the Information Commissioner's website: https://ico.org.uk/for-organisations/foi-eir-and-access-to-information/freedom-of-information-and-environmental-information-regulations/the-right-to-recorded-information-and-requests-for-documents/#_Defining_What_is.

In the interest of openness and transparency, which forms the basis of FOIA, the ICB has however stated the following:

The ICB is developing it's 2024/25 commissioning intentions. If contracts are extended, or new contracts issued, they will be done using relevant extension clauses and/or in line with the provider selection regime.

Question 5. Nil. No contracts were awarded by a framework.

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

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