



# North East and North Cumbria

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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 31 January 2024 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 information in relation to the total number of nephrostomy procedures conducted within your ICB each year.

We would like to know if these are insertions or replacements and if possible, the type of system the patients are discharged with.

Furthermore, we would like to know the procedure for applying to have out NephSys nephrostomy drainage system included within any Urology or Continence Care Formularies you have within your ICB.

I would be grateful if you could answer the following questions.

1. How many nephrostomy procedures are conducted within your ICB each year?
2. How many are new placements?
3. How many bilateral nephrostomies are performed annually?
4. What type of system is used to manage nephrostomy patients? (Please select from the below options.)
  - a) A waist belt drainage system
  - b) A connector with a leg bag attached.
  - c) A urostomy bag
  - d) A long-tubed leg bag with luer lock connector
5. Do you have a nephrostomy drainage system within your Urology/Continence Care Formulary?
6. If yes, which system is included in the formulary?
7. Would you consider including our NephSys nephrostomy drainage system into your Urology or Continence Care Formulary?
8. If so, how do we apply for inclusion?

## Our Response

*We can confirm, as per Section 1(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, the ICB holds some of the information you have requested.*

*For Q1 through Q4, The ICB does not hold the requested information. We suggest that you redirect your request to the Foundation Trusts as follows:*

<b>NENC Acute Hospital FTs</b>	<b>Email</b>
<i>County Durham &amp; Darlington NHS FT</i>	<i>cdda-tr.cddftfoi@nhs.net</i>
<i>Gateshead Health NHS FT</i>	<i>ghnt.foi.enquiries@nhs.net</i>
<i>North Cumbria Integrated Care NHS FT</i>	<i>foirequest@cumbria.nhs.uk</i>
<i>North Tees &amp; Hartlepool NHS FT</i>	<i>foi@nth.nhs.uk</i>
<i>Northumbria Healthcare NHS FT</i>	<i>foi@northumbria.nhs.uk</i>
<i>South Tees Hospitals NHS FT</i>	<i>foi@stees.nhs.uk</i>
<i>South Tyneside and Sunderland NHS FT</i>	<i>stsft.freedomofinformation@nhs.net</i>
<i>The Newcastle Upon Tyne Hospitals NHS FT</i>	<i>nuth.freedom.information@nhs.net</i>

*Q5 & Q6. All available continence formularies are at: [North East and North Cumbria Formulary \(northeastnorthcumbriaformulary.nhs.uk\)](http://northeastnorthcumbriaformulary.nhs.uk). In accordance with s.21 of the FOIA, we are not required to provide information in response to a request if it is reasonably accessible to you by other means.*

*Q7. Additions to guidelines and formularies would be considered by a multidisciplinary guidelines group where appropriate additions to guidelines would be considered. Currently no reviews are planned for continence guidelines.*

*Q8. Process for formulary applications is available at: [North East and North Cumbria Formulary \(northeastnorthcumbriaformulary.nhs.uk\)](http://northeastnorthcumbriaformulary.nhs.uk). In accordance with s.21 of the FOIA, we are not required to provide information in response to a request if it is reasonably accessible to you by other means.*

In accordance 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 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 review, you do have the right of complaint to the Information Commissioner as established by section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. 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](http://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](http://www.legislation.gov.uk) . This will not affect your initial information request.

Yours sincerely

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