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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 28 November 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).

Your Request

I would be grateful, if you could advise if these below listed practices have not signed up to PCNs or have they signed Data Sharing Agreements with the PCNs.

Are the following practices part of a primary care network. if yes, do you know why their names appear on the list of non PCN practices of NHSE.

If no, have the practices shared full patient records with a PCN ie does a PCN have access to medical records of non PCN GP practice in order to offer PCN services.

Please state which practices have not joined a PCN and not signed a data sharing agreement with a PCN to give full access to medical records of patients.

If the GP practice has not joined a PCN and not signed a data sharing agreement with a PCN, what is the ICB/ICS strategy for providing the PCN services to the patients of such Practices?

Has the ICB put in place a local agreement directly with non PCN/Non data sharing practices if so, please provide a copy of such agreement.

The Adderlane surgery

Portugal place health centre

Metro interchange surgery

Cheviot medical group

Blaydon GP led practice

Grange road medical practice

Rowlands gill medical centre

Riversdale surgery

Felton surgery

Broad way medical centre

Response

Northumberland Place:

The Adderlane surgery and Riversdale surgery are not a member of a PCN

- Both practices have PCN services provided to their patients via West Northumberland PCN.
- Both practices have a data sharing agreement with the PCN to support the delivery of PCN services and access to patient medical records when required.

The remaining practices listed are now closed, this is either following a merger with another practice or the full closure and dispersal of the practice, therefore do not require a data sharing agreement. This is therefore only explanation we can offer as to why these would appear on the NHSE list as non PCN practice.

Northumberland Place:

Cheviot medical group – merged with Glendale Surgery on 01/07/22

Felton surgery – merged with Widdrington Surgery on 01/01/22

North Tyneside Place:

Portugal place health centre – merged with Park Road Practice on 01/09/22

Gateshead Place:

Metro interchange surgery – closed 31/03/23, patients dispersed to other local practices.

Blaydon GP led practice – merged with Crawcrook Medical Practice on 01/09/22

Grange road medical practice - merged with Crawcrook Medical Practice on 01/09/22

Rowlands gill medical centre - merged with Crawcrook Medical Practice on 01/09/22

Newcastle Place:

Broadway medical centre – merged with Regent Medical Centre on 01/04/22

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:

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Yours sincerely

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