



North East and North Cumbria

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By Email

Dear

Freedom of Information Act 2000 - Request for Information – NHS North East & North Cumbria Integrated Care Board.

Thank you for your request received by North of England Commissioning Support (NECS) on 19 August 2022 for information held by NHS North East and North Cumbria Integrated Care Board (ICB) under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

For information Clinical Commissioning Groups ceased to exist on 30 June 2022. Services that were previously delivered by the CCG are now being delivered by the successor organisation NHS North East and North Cumbria (ICB). This covers the areas of County Durham, Newcastle Gateshead, North Cumbria, North Tyneside, Northumberland, South Tyneside, Sunderland and Tees Valley.

Please find the information you requested on behalf of the ICB as follows.

Request

Under the freedom of information act please could you provide the following information?

1) Any treatment or policies for management of children aged 18 and under for the following conditions? a) PANDAS b) PANS c) immune mediated neuro behaviour conditions

2) Whether there are any commissioning arrangements for children aged 18 and under for a) PANDAS b) PANS c) immune mediated neuro behaviour conditions

including the details of which departments are commissioned to treat/manage these patients.

3) The number & costs of Independent Funding Requests (IFR's) the CCG has issued for complex children's conditions for each for the past 5 years and whether any of these relates to a) PANDAS b) PANS c) immune mediated neuro behaviour conditions.

4) Please could you provide me with any minutes of meetings which decided how patients are treated following the British Paediatric Neurology Association Consensus Statement dated April 2021 and details of any changes in how the trust treated or diagnosed patients following this statement along with details of who made the decision to implement any changes.

Response

County Durham

1) As we are not a provider organisation, we do not have policies on the treatment or management of any individual conditions. The information would be held by the provider, Tees Esk and Wear Valley Trust that can be contacted via <https://www.tewv.nhs.uk>

2) We do not have specific commissioning arrangements for the conditions listed.

3) Nil

4) Please see the response to Q1

Newcastle Gateshead

Q1, 2 and 4 - In accordance with section 1 of the Act this information cannot be provided as it is not held by the ICB. The information would be held by the providers, Newcastle Upon Tyne Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust and Gateshead Health NHS Foundation Trust that can be contacted via nuth.freedom.information@nhs.net and ghnt.foi.enquiries@nhs.net respectively.

Q3 - Nil

North Cumbria

In accordance with section 1 of the Act this information cannot be provided as it is not held by the ICB. It will be held by the NHS England that can be contacted via <https://www.england.nhs.uk/contact-us/foi/> Services of this nature are generally commissioned by the Specialised Commissioning Team NHS England. We have double checked our own records and we have had no IFR requests relating to this area and our Mental Health Commissioning Team have confirmed that they have not been approached to commission support to any patients with these conditions.

North Tyneside

Q1, 2 and 4 – In accordance with section 1 of the Act this information cannot be provided as it is not held by the ICB. The information would be held by the providers Newcastle Upon Tyne Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust and Northumbria Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust via nuth.freedom.information@nhs.net and foi@northumbria.nhs.uk respectively

Q3 - Nil

Northumberland

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Q3 - Nil

South Tyneside

Q1, 2 and 4 - In accordance with section 1 of the Act this information cannot be provided as it is not held by the ICB. The information would be held by the provider, South Tyneside and Sunderland NHS Foundation Trust that can be contacted via Ststf.freedomofinformation@nhs.net

Q3 - Nil

Sunderland

Q1 – We have no policies or offer specific treatment for these conditions

Q2 – We do not commission specific services in relation to the conditions outlined above

Q3 – Nil

Q4 - No minutes are held

Tees Valley

Q1 - Policies/treatment for children aged 18 and under who receive a diagnosis of PANDAS or PANS, or who have immune mediated neuro behaviour conditions are commissioned by NHS England's Specialised Commissioning Team, via paediatric neurosciences or specialist immunology for children. Any further information may be requested of NHS England that can be contacted via <https://www.england.nhs.uk/contact-us/foi/>

Q2 - Commissioning arrangements for children aged 18 and under for a) PANDAS, b) PANS, and c) immune mediated neuro behaviour conditions are the responsibility of NHS England's Specialised Commissioning Team. Mental health services for children are commissioned by Tees Valley ICB commissioners through Tees Esk and Wear Valley NHS Foundation Trust (TEWV) CAMHS who provide a range of evidence-based psychological interventions which include the treatment of OCD in young people. Any further information may be requested from TEWV that can be contacted via <https://www.tewv.nhs.uk>

Q3 – Nil

Q4 – Information not held - As these services are directly commissioned by NHSE England's Specialised Commissioning, service providers may hold minutes associated with decisions regarding how patients are treated, and any changes in treatment or diagnosis of patients. The service providers for the Tees Valley are County Durham & Darlington NHS Foundation Trust, via cdda-tr.cddftfoi@nhs.net, North Tees & Hartlepool

NHS Foundation Trust, via foi@nth.nhs.uk and South Tees Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust via foi@stees.nhs.uk

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
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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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