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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 08/12/23 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 & Our Response

I would be extremely grateful if you were able to share with me the following information about GP Practices in your ICB/ICS, a GP Practice being any GP Practice holding a GMS, PMS or APMS contract:

1. Practice list closures (not accepting new patients)

Please may you provide a list of GP practices that have formally requested to close their patient list (not accepting any new patients) over the last 12 months.

Applications received for the period December 2022 to December 2023.

- *Monkseaton Medical Centre*
- *Riverview Surgery*
- *Alma Medical Centre*
- *Colliery Court*

- Fenham Hall
- Pelaw Medical Practice
- Denmark Street
- Southdene Medical Centre

2. Can you provide a list of GP practices which currently have their lists which are closed (not accepting any new patients).

As of December 2023 the following practices have closed lists.

- Pelaw Medical Practice
- Alma Medical Centre
- Colliery Court

3. GP Practice closures (the practice has closed completely)

Please may you provide a list of GP practices which have closed within the last 12 months along with:

- a) Date of practice closure/cessation of GMS/PMS/APMS contract**
- b) Reason for practice closure (i.e., contractors handing back contract, CQC enforcement action, merging with another practice etc...)**

Contract closures for the period December 2022 to December 2023

- Foundations 2 – PMS agreement – commissioner decision
- Metro Interchange – APMS Contract – emergency contract
- Queen Street – GMS contract – due to merger
- Avenue Medical Practice – GMS contract – due to merger
- Manor House Surgery – GMS contract – due to merger
- Foundations 1 – PMS agreement – commissioner decision

4. The historical Annual GP Practice premises cost reimbursement amount for those that have now closed, e.g., what was the practice receiving in notional rent reimbursement per annum.

- Metro Interchange, closed March 2023, rented premises, annual rent of £64,334 per annum (including VAT)
- Foundations Medical Practice (Haven), closed 31/03/23, annual rent of £24,832 per annum.
- Fulcrum Med. Practice, closed 30/09/2023, annual rent of £75,750 (including VAT) per annum.

5. Please provide a list of all GP practices whereby the NHS has stopped paying their cost rent, notional rent or rent reimbursement to the practices within the last 12 months.

There are no additional practices where the ICB has ceased to pay rent, notional rent or rent reimbursement in the last 12 months outside of the closed practices above.

6. Please may you provide a list of practices that are either in special measures, have caretaker measures in place or who you believe may be at risk of closure within the next 12 months.

- *No caretaker measures in place*
- *Placed in special measures by CQC - IJ Healthcare*

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
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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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