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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 23 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 would like the following information to be emailed to me in electronic form:

- **Does the Trust currently complete Optical Biometry for the purpose of selecting an Intraocular Lens choice for Cataract Surgery? [YES/NO]**
- **Which department for the Trust is responsible for carrying out the Optical Biometry? [e.g. Outpatients, Ophthalmology, Other]**
- **Is there a specified role within this department that is responsible for Optical Biometry? [e.g. Consultant Ophthalmologist, Registrar, Orthoptist, Nurse, etc.]**
- **How many biometry calculations does the department complete during an average week? [Number]**

- **How many pieces of equipment does the department use for Optical Biometry, and what is the manufacturer, model and age?** [Please list these, including Manufacturer, Model, and Age of Equipment]
- **Is this equipment owned, leased or rented by the department?** [Owned / Leased / Rented]
- **If the equipment is Leased or Rented, how long is this contract, and when does it come to an end? Is there an option to extend the contract? Is this contract linked to the purchase of any related consumables, e.g. IOLs?** [Length], [Date], [YES / NO], [RELATED CONSUMABLE?]
- **Does the Trust / department replace these after a fixed time period, and if so, what is this time period in years?** [YES / NO], [Years]
- **Does the Trust / Department currently have a service contract in place for this equipment with either the equipment manufacturer or another maintenance provider?** [MANUFACTURER / 3rd PARTY / NO]
- **Is the Trust currently in the buying cycle for new biometry equipment?** [YES / NO]
- **If Yes, when is this procurement exercise expected to take place?** [Expected Date]
- **If No, does the Trust plan to start the buying cycle within the next 3 years?** [YES / NO]
- **Does the Trust link the Biometry measurements to an electronic patient record (PACS or EHR system), or are these stored on the equipment locally and printed?** [EHR SYSTEM / PAPER RECORDS / OTHER]
- **If EHR, which electronic patient record system does the Trust use?** [e.g. MediSoft, HIVE, FORUM, etc.]
- **Can these electronic biometry measurements be accessed in the department only, or in the Operating Theatre during surgery?** [Department Only / Operating Theatre / N/A]

Our Response

NENC ICB are not the holders of this information, you will need to redirect your request to the Trusts within the area: -

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

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

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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