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

Thank you for your request received by North of England Commissioning Support (NECS) on 16 August 2022 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.

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 County Durham, Newcastle Gateshead, North Cumbria, North Tyneside, Northumberland, South Tyneside, Sunderland and Tees Valley.

Details of Request

I have a formulary question that I hope you can help me with:

Due to the newly created 'NHS North East and North Cumbria', are there any plans to consolidate the formularies below, if so what is the timeline and where would the new formulary be published?

Existing formularies referred to:

County Durham and Tees Valley Formulary
Lancashire & South Cumbria Medicines Management Group
Morecambe Bay Joint Medicines Formulary
North of Tyne, Gateshead and North Cumbria APC
Northern England NHS Treatment Advisory Group (NTAG)
South Tyneside and Sunderland Area Prescribing Committee
Formulary

Response

Discussions are ongoing with stakeholders about whether a single formulary is desirable and achievable. The timelines of this are still to be confirmed, as is the place it would be published if it were achieved.

For note, this will not apply to Lancashire & South Cumbria Medicines Management Group and Morecambe Bay Joint Medicines Formulary which fall outside of the footprint of the ICB.

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
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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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