



# North East and North Cumbria

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Dear

## **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 25 June 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).

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

### **Your Request**

Under the Freedom of Information Act, I would like to request the following information.

Please can you provide the number of individual funding requests made that were either approved, not approved, redirected, rejected or withdrawn in each of the following financial years 2018/19, 2019/20, 2020/21, 2021/22 and 2022/23, relating to body contouring surgery. Can you please provide the information broken down by procedure/treatment to include Abdominoplasty, Abdominolipectomy, Apronectomy, Abdominal repair and reconstruction, Panniculectomy, Brachioplasty, Buttock Lift, Thigh Lift.

This request is made to aid a piece of research into funding and service provision for reconstructive surgery following massive weight loss particularly following tier 4 weight management – bariatric surgery and to ascertain the equity of access of services.

Please do not hesitate to contact me by email should any aspect of my request require clarification.

## **Our Response**

Procedures covered by IFRs are as follows:

- Abdominoplasty/Apronectomy
- Thigh, Buttock, Arm Lift or Excision of Redundant Skin or Fat

From April 2022, Abdominoplasty and Apronectomy became individual procedures on IFR. Excision of Redundant Skin or Fat replaced Thigh, Buttock, Arm Lift or Excision of Redundant Skin or Fat.

Please refer to the attached spreadsheet for a breakdown of procedures, outcomes by ICB place/CCG, to include dates.

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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[www.ico.gov.uk](http://www.ico.gov.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](http://www.legislation.gov.uk) . This will not affect your initial information request.

Yours sincerely

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