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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 15 February 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

Could you please advise why the Redcar Primary Care Hospital Urgent Treatment Centre will be closing at midnight when all other UTC(s) are open 24/7. Wasn't the purpose of the consultation to streamline all urgent care services to provide the same?

Are you also able to divulge the monies provided as part of the consultation for staffing as there is a suggestion of 16 million being mooted.

Our Response

We can confirm, as per Section 1(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, the ICB does hold the information requested.

As part of the extensive engagement activity undertaken in the development of the proposed new model of urgent care across Teesside consideration was given to the level, and benefit, of standardisation at all Urgent Treatment Centre (UTC) sites, this included the UTC at Redcar Primary Care Hospital.

The service offered will be consistent at each UTC under the new model, however it was noted as part of the engagement exercise that demand in Redcar for urgent care reduced significantly from 9pm onwards and as such opening the UTC 24/7 would not demonstrate good value for money for the taxpayer. The move to ensure the UTC is open until midnight does however represent an increase in operational hours at Redcar with the service being available from 8am to Midnight 7 days per week.

The annual budget made available as part of the procurement of the new service and model was £16.9m per annum.

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
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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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