



# North East and North Cumbria

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By Email

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 12 September 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**

We are conducting a study regarding bariatric surgery in NHS England and would be grateful if you could revert with answers for the following questions:

1. How long is the queue time (in average) for a patient to get bariatric surgery at the trust in your area?
2. How does the primary care trust and/or NHS trust in your area prioritize and manage the queue for bariatric surgery?

3. What is the overall capacity in your trust(s) to handle bariatric surgeries in terms of infrastructure and personnel?

## Our Response

*NENC ICB funds bariatric surgery via its value-based commissioning policy which I've attached. Please refer to page 67 for the specifics regarding bariatric surgery.*

*We do not hold the information outlined in your request as this would be held by the Foundation Trusts as follows:*

<b>NENC Acute Hospital FTs</b>	<b>Email</b>
County Durham & Darlington NHS FT	<i>cdda-tr.cddftfoi@nhs.net</i>
Gateshead Health NHS FT	<i>ghnt.foi.enquiries@nhs.net</i>
North Cumbria Integrated Care NHS FT	<i>foirequests@ncic.nhs.uk</i>
North Tees & Hartlepool NHS FT	<i>foi@nth.nhs.uk</i>
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South Tees Hospitals NHS FT	<i>foi@stees.nhs.uk</i>
South Tyneside and Sunderland NHS FT	<i>stsft.freedomofinformation@nhs.net</i>
The Newcastle Upon Tyne Hospitals NHS FT	<i>nuth.freedom.information@nhs.net</i>

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  
Cheshire  
SK9 5AF

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

Yours sincerely

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