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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 07 July 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

Would it be possible to receive the following information regarding your current wheelchair services and approved wheelchair repair services contracts for your ICB please? Understanding ICBs were formally created only recently and that you may not have updated contracts, this could be the collection of current contracts from your constituent CCGs.

- 1. Who is the current provider of wheelchair services (WCS)?**
- 2. What is the total value of the WCS contract?**
- 3. What is the duration of the WCS contract?**
- 4. What is the end date of the WCS contract? When would the new tender be released?**
- 5. Who is the current provider of approved repair services (AR)? (if different from WCS)**
- 6. What is the total value of the AR contract?**
- 7. What is the duration of the AR contract?**

8. What is the end date of the AR contract? When would the new tender be released?
9. Were these contracts (WCS and AR) direct awards or tenders? Was there an option for direct award and what framework was accessed?
10. Is specialist seating provision included in the WCS provision? If not, who is the provider, and what are the contract value, duration, end date and new tender release date?
11. Is Children's and adult's wheelchair provision/ maintenance within the same contract? If not could you please provide the requested metrics for each?
12. What is the number of patients served? (Current number and contractual target)
13. What share of the current WCS-AR expenditure currently spent by NHS facilities (i.e. insourced) will be tendered to outsourced providers in the next contractual cycle?

North Tyneside, Northumberland, South Tyneside and Newcastle Gateshead Localities

1. Newcastle upon Tyne Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust (NuTH) – Newcastle, Gateshead, South Tyneside, North Tyneside and Northumbria
South Tyneside and Sunderland NHS Foundation Trust (STSFT) – South Tyneside and Gateshead.
2. For all providers – not specified as this is part of the total agreed value at system level for each provider contract.
3. All providers – 1 year
4. All providers – 31st March 2023 in line with the main Acute and Community contracts.
5. Ross Care for all providers contracted via NuTH
6. Information not held, contact the provider, NUTH – nuth.freedom.information@nhs.net
7. Information not held, contact the provider, NUTH – nuth.freedom.information@nhs.net
8. Information not held, contact the provider, NUTH – nuth.freedom.information@nhs.net
9. Direct awards for WCS. NuTH to respond for AR.
10. NuTH provides specialist wheelchair provision for Newcastle Gateshead, North Tyneside, Northumberland and South Tyneside.
11. Yes.
12. Information not held, contact the provider, NUTH – nuth.freedom.information@nhs.net

13. Information not held, contact the provider, NUTH – nuth.freedom.information@nhs.net

County Durham Locality

We are not the holders of this information, please contact the provider of the service, County Durham & Darlington NHS FT – cdda-tr.cddffoi@nhs.net

North Cumbria Locality

In North Cumbria the wheelchair contract for supply and maintenance is covered by the aids and adaptations block within our overall main acute provider contract, North Cumbria Integrated Care Foundation NHS Trust (NCIC). NCIC subcontract to wheelchair product suppliers and maintain the wheelchairs in house. Further details on sub-contracting arrangements would need to be obtained from NCIC Disablement Services Centre. FT contract is renewed annually. NCIC would need to provide details on their own tendering processes for new suppliers – FOIRequests@ncic.nhs.uk

Sunderland Locality

1. Newcastle upon Tyne Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust (NuTH)
Sunderland City Council
2. For all providers – not specified as this is part of the total agreed value at system level for each provider contract.
3. All providers – 1 year
4. All providers – 31st March 2023 in line with the main Acute and Community contract for NHS and Section 75 agreement with the council
5. Information not held, contact the provider NUTH – nuth.freedom.information@nhs.net
6. Information not held, contact the provider, NUTH – nuth.freedom.information@nhs.net
7. Information not held, contact the provider, NUTH – nuth.freedom.information@nhs.net
8. Information not held, contact the provider, NUTH – nuth.freedom.information@nhs.net
9. Direct awards
10. NuTH provides specialist wheelchair provision
11. Yes.
12. Information not held, contact the providers, NUTH – nuth.freedom.information@nhs.net and Sunderland City Council – freedom.information@sunderland.gov.uk

13. *Information not held, contact the provider, NUTH –
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Tees Valley Locality

1. *North Tees & Hartlepool NHS Foundation Trust (NTHFT)
South Tees Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust (STHFT)
Newcastle Gateshead Foundation Trust (NuTH)*
2. *What is the total value of the WCS contract?
Finance to advise*
3. *1 year, in line with the main Acute & Community Contract*
4. *31st March 2023, in line with the main Acute & Community Contract. No plans to release tender.*
5. *RREMS*
6. *Not specified – this is part of the total agreed value at system level for all the FT contracts*
7. *1 year, in line with RREMS as part of Acute & Community contract*
8. *No plans to retender at present.*
9. *NTHFT & STHFT - Direct Awards
This is part of the NuTH contract and so is awarded directly as part of that.*
10. *Yes, RREMS includes specialist seating.*
11. *Yes*
12. *We do not hold this information, you will need to contact the Providers of the Service ie FT's.*
13. *None that we are aware of.*

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.

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The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

www.ico.gov.uk

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Yours sincerely

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