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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 21 November 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).

Details of Request

I would like to make a Freedom of Information request. Please send me answers to the following questions:

- **Does the Integrated Care Board have any contractual agreements with BGI Group, or any of its subsidiaries including but not limited to MGI Tech, BGI Genomics and BGI Diagnosis?**
- **Do any of the hospitals within the Integrated Care Board area use BGI Group products, services and/or technologies, or any of those of BGI Group's subsidiaries including but not limited to MGI Tech, BGI Genomics and BGI Diagnosis?**
- **Does the Integrated Care Board or any of its constituent hospitals conduct research with BGI Group or any of its subsidiaries including but not limited to MGI Tech, BGI Genomics and BGI Diagnosis?**
- **Has the Integrated Care Board or any of its constituent hospitals been provided with the products, services and/or technologies of BGI Group or any of its subsidiaries including but not limited to MGI Tech, BGI Genomics and BGI Diagnosis from a) NHS England, b) Department of Health and Social Care, c) Francis Crick Institute, d) NHS Genomic Medicine Service and e) Wellcome Sanger Trust?**

- **Have genetic material or data arising from such from patients from within the Integrated Care Board been provided to BGI Group or any of its subsidiaries including but not limited to MGI Tech, BGI Genomics and BGI Diagnosis? If so, what due diligence was undertaken before sending?**

Response

1 – No

2 – *The ICB does not hold this level of information. This will need to be sourced from Providers or NHS England as commissioners of Genomics.*

3 - *The ICB does not hold this level of information. This will need to be sourced from Providers or NHS England as commissioners of Genomics.*

4 – *The ICB does not hold this level of information. This will need to be sourced from Providers or NHS England as commissioners of Genomics.*

5 - *The ICB does not hold this level of information. This will need to be sourced from Providers or NHS England as commissioners of Genomics.*

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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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