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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 23 January 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

I am requesting the following information on local healthcare and support service provision for multiple myeloma patients as part of a wider project. Please provide the following information:

As of 1 Jan 2024:

- Total population size served by the Integrated Care Board
- Number of hospitals providing oncology services
- Total number of consultant haematologists employees; specialist haematology registrars employed; consultant haematologists specialising in multiple myeloma; haematology clinical nurse specialists employed and multiple myeloma clinical nurse specialists.

During 2023 (1 Jan – 31 Dec), please provide the:

- Total number of multiple myeloma (MM) cases diagnosed (Please state which code(s) were used)

- If known, how many people were diagnosed with smouldering multiple myeloma?
- How many in-person haematology-based consultation/telephone haematology-based consultations/ video haematology-based consultation took place for people diagnosed with MM?

During 2023 (1 Jan – 31 Dec):

- Were multiple myeloma (MM) patients discussed/reviewed at a MM specific MDT or general haematology MDT?
- How frequently did MDT meetings meet?
- What percentage of MM patients diagnosed in 2023 were reviewed/discussed at a MDT?
- Which professionals/disciplines are represented on MDT meetings for MM?
- What supportive and palliative care services are available for MM patients?

Our Response

On this occasion it is not possible to provide the requested information. In line with your rights under section 1(1)(a) of the Act to be informed whether information is held, we confirm the ICB does not hold any of the information requested.

We have determined that the population size information is held by NHS Digital. In accordance with our duty under s.16 of the FOIA to provide reasonable advice and assistance to an individual requesting information, we have provided the link to their website [Patients Registered at a GP Practice – NHS Digital](#) Please note that all NHS Digital FOI requests are managed by NHS England.

Oncology is managed by NHS England as specialised commissioning. We would advise you to redirect your request to england.contactus@nhs.net Please write “Freedom of Information” in the subject line.

The hospitals in the NENC region providing oncology service are noted below, along with their FOI email addresses, should you wish to direct your questions to them.

NENC Acute Hospital FTs	Email
County Durham & Darlington NHS FT	cdda-tr.cddffoi@nhs.net
Gateshead Health NHS FT	ghnt.foi.enquiries@nhs.net
North Cumbria Integrated Care NHS FT	foirequest@cumbria.nhs.uk
North Tees & Hartlepool NHS FT	foi@nth.nhs.uk
Northumbria Healthcare NHS FT	foi@northumbria.nhs.uk
South Tees Hospitals NHS FT	foi@stees.nhs.uk
South Tyneside and Sunderland NHS FT	stsft.freedomofinformation@nhs.net
The Newcastle Upon Tyne Hospitals NHS FT	nuth.freedom.information@nhs.net

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 to complain to the Information Commissioner as established by s.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
SK9 5AF

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 . This will not affect your initial information request.

Yours sincerely

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