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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 14 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

I am writing to request information pursuant to the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act. I kindly request acknowledgment of receipt of this email, and I anticipate a comprehensive response within the statutory timeframe of 20 working days, as mandated by the aforementioned legislation.

Specifically, I seek the following information:

- What is the main provider of adult community health services in each of the areas served by the ICB?
- What is the main provider of children's community health services in each of the areas served by the ICB?
- For each of the ICB's main adult community health service provider contracts, which month and year is it due to run out?
- For each of the ICB's main children's community health service provider contracts, which month and year is it due to run out?
- For each of the areas served by the ICB, do you have any current plans to procure or award a new contract for its adult or children's community health services?

Our Response

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

County Durham place

- Main provider of adult community health services is County Durham and Darlington foundation Trust community contract.
- The main provider of Children's community health services is County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust Acute contract.
- Current contract ends 30 September 2028 (adult)
- Current contract ends 31 March 2024 (children)
- There are no current plans to procure or award a new contract.

Newcastle, Gateshead, North Tyneside, Northumberland and South Tyneside

- Providers of both adult and children's community health services are:
 - o Newcastle – Newcastle upon Tyne Hospitals NHS FT
 - o Gateshead – Gateshead Health NHS FT
 - o North Tyneside and Northumberland – Northumbria Healthcare NHS FT
 - o South Tyneside – South Tyneside and Sunderland NHS FT
- Current contract end dates are all March 2024

North Cumbria place

- Main provider of adult community health services is North Cumbria Integrated Care NHS Foundation Trust (FT)
- The main provider of Children's community health services is North Cumbria Integrated Care NHS FT
- Current contract ends 31st March 2024
- Current contract ends 31st March 2024
- There are no current plans to procure or award a new contract.

Sunderland place

- Main provider of adult community health services is South Tyneside and Sunderland NHS Foundation Trust
- The main provider of Children's community health services is South Tyneside and Sunderland NHS Foundation Trust
- Current contract ends March 2024
- Current contract ends March 2024
- There are no current plans to procure or award a new contract.

Tees Valley place

- Main providers of adult community health services are (by Tees Valley area):

Hartlepool and Stockton – North Tees & Hartlepool NHS FT
Redcar and Middlesbrough – South Tees Hospitals NHS FT
Darlington – County Durham and Darlington NHS FT

- Main providers of children's community health services are (by Tees Valley area):

Hartlepool and Stockton – North Tees & Hartlepool NHS FT
Redcar and Middlesbrough – South Tees Hospitals NHS FT
Darlington – County Durham and Darlington NHS FT

- For adult community health, contract end dates are:

North Tees & Hartlepool NHS FT – March 2024
South Tees Hospitals NHS FT – March 2024
Country Durham and Darlington FT – September 2028

- For children's community health, contract end dates are:

North Tees & Hartlepool NHS FT – March 2024
South Tees Hospitals NHS FT – March 2024
Country Durham and Darlington FT – September 2028

- New contract plans:

Hartlepool and Stockton / Redcar and Middlesbrough

As most of the community services are in the main FT contracts, a contract for these services will be awarded as part of the main FT contract award process, under the PSR Regulations.

There are a small number of community services that are delivered outside of the Trusts, contracts will be awarded in line with PSR regulations. A procurement for services is considered on a case-by-case basis for each service, rather than at a full community contract level.

Darlington:

The main community contract is not expiring. There are a small number of community services that are delivered outside of the Trust, contracts will be awarded in line with PSR regulations and procurements for these services are considered on a case-by-case basis.

NENC ICB's commissioning intentions are held on the ICB's website. The link to the site is [Home | North East and North Cumbria NHS \(northeastnorthcumbria.nhs.uk\)](https://northeastnorthcumbria.nhs.uk)

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
SK9 5AF

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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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