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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 9 September 2024 for information held by NHS North East and North Cumbria Integrated Care Board (the ICB) under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

The ICB covers the areas of County Durham, Gateshead, Newcastle, North Cumbria, North Tyneside, Northumberland, South Tyneside, Sunderland, and Tees Valley (which covers the five local authorities of Darlington, Hartlepool, Middlesbrough, Redcar and Cleveland and Stockton-on-Tees).

Please find the information you requested on behalf of the ICB as follows.

**Your Request**

You previously confirmed having a Local Enhanced Services (LES) or Directed Enhanced Service (DES) in place for Primary Care related to wound care. Regarding this in each place:

1. Does the LES/DES include postoperative wound management? Y/N If yes:
  - a. what are the inclusion criteria?
  - b. what are the exclusion criteria?
  - c. what is the claim amount?
  
2. Does the LES/DES include traumatic wounds e.g. trauma and skin tears? Y/N If yes:
  - a. what are the inclusion criteria?
  - b. what are the exclusion criteria?
  - c. what is the claim amount?
  
3. Does the LES/DES include complex wound care? Y/N If yes:
  - a. What complex wound treatment is included?
  - b. what are the inclusion criteria?
  - c. what are the exclusion criteria?

- d. what is the claim amount?
4. Does the LES/DES include pressure ulcer prevention or pressure ulcer wound care? Y/N If yes:
- what prevention activities are included?
  - what pressure ulcer treatment is included?
  - what are the inclusion criteria?
  - what are the exclusion criteria?
  - what is the claim amount?

## **Our Response**

We can confirm, as per Section 1(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, the ICB holds some of the information you have requested.

### County Durham place

- There is a LES/DES in place. Payment is part of a block payment and inclusion and inclusion and exclusion criteria is not itemised.
- Please refer to the response to question 1. Practices undertake the services listed below.
  - Wound care.
  - Suture/Clip removal.
  - Swab/Wound care (excluding for sexual health services).
  - Initial and follow up wound dressings, suture removal & prescribing.
  - Administration of LMWH as recommended by secondary care.
  - Leg ulcer treatment.
  - Compression bandaging.
  - 2- and 4-Layer Dressings (working with acute trust specialist nurses).
- Please refer to the responses to question 1 and question 2.
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### Newcastle Gateshead, Northumberland and North Tyneside places

- No, the LES/DES does not include postoperative wound management.
- No, the LES/DES does not include traumatic wounds e.g. trauma and skin tears.
- No, the LES/DES does not include complex wound care.
- No, the LES/DES does not include pressure ulcer prevention or pressure ulcer wound care.

### North Cumbria and South Tyneside and Sunderland places

These ICB place does not have any LES or DES contracts for wound care.

### Tees Valley place

Tees Valley place of NENC ICB commission GP practices via a Primary care Local Improvement (LIS) to undertake services which are considered to be 'outside of core GMS'.

The service is available to patients who are permanently or temporarily registered with a GP practice in the geographical boundaries of: Darlington, Hartlepool, Stockton-on-Tees, Middlesbrough and Redcar and Cleveland. Practices are commissioned to ensure all patients

registered with their practice can access all the services listed in the LIS, during core hours and enhanced access hours.

The LIS covers a number of enhanced treatments, these treatments are those historically delivered by practices as part of Practice Enhanced Treatment Service (PETS) schemes or Enabling Services which may have previously been contracted via an NHS Standard Contract but were incorporated into the LIS in 2019/20.

It is recognised that the services/procedures being undertaken will vary, depending on the needs of the patients presenting at each practice and the skills/competencies of staff within each practice. The enhanced treatments include the following in relation to wound care:

- Initial and follow up wound dressings.
- Leg ulcer treatment.
- Compression bandaging.
- 2- and 4-layer dressing.
- Doppler Assessment/ABPI (excluding diabetes foot checks).
- Suture/clip removal.
- Swab/wound care (excluding sexual health services).

Enhanced treatments are part of chapter 1 within the LIS, if practices achieve all elements in chapter 1, they are paid monthly a cost of £7.08 per patient. Payment is not based on individual activity.

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:

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Wycliffe House  
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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](http://www.legislation.gov.uk) . This will not affect your initial information request.

Yours faithfully

*S Davies*

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