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By Email

Dear

**Freedom of Information Act 2000 - Request for Information – NHS North East & North Cumbria Integrated Care Board.**

Thank you for your request received by North of England Commissioning Support (NECS) on 8 November 2022 for information held by NHS North East and North Cumbria Integrated Care Board (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 the areas of County Durham, Newcastle Gateshead, North Cumbria, North Tyneside, Northumberland, South Tyneside, Sunderland and Tees Valley.

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

**Request**

**I emailed you 3 weeks ago to ask what Northumbria's policy on gf prescriptions is, so I can take the information to my doctor. I have had no reply.**

**I have been informed that some people are able to get gf prescriptions in Northumberland, and yet my GP stopped these several years ago**

**Response**

Your request was received at the following email address [nencicb-nor.enquiries@nhs.net](mailto:nencicb-nor.enquiries@nhs.net) and a reply was sent to you on 17<sup>th</sup> October 2022

That reply was:

Whilst we are unable to comment on particular clinical cases I can confirm that the Northumberland ICB encourages practices to prescribe gluten free products in line with our area prescribing committee guidance which is publicly available at [Gluten-free-guidelines-March-2022.pdf \(northoftyneapc.nhs.uk\)](https://northoftyneapc.nhs.uk/Gluten-free-guidelines-March-2022.pdf)

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.

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  
Wilmslow  
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SK9 5AF

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

Yours sincerely

*Paul Atkinson*

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