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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 13 December 2023 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).

Your Request

Under Freedom of Information Act I would like to request the following information:

- Who are the ICB's current contracted providers for tertiary level IVF/Fertility Specialist services?

Newcastle Hospitals, Gateshead Health NHS FT, North Tees FT, South Tees FT and Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust provide fertility services on behalf of the ICB.

- Who are the ICB's current contracted providers for secondary level reproductive medicine/sub fertility services?

As above, all of our services are provided by the above FT's.

- Who have held the ICB/CCG's contracted providers for tertiary level IVF/Fertility Specialist services and for what time period/dates since 2012.

All of the commissioned IVF/fertility services have been commissioned from the above providers since 2012.

- Who are the ICB's/CCGs contracted providers for secondary level reproductive medicine/sub fertility services and for what time period/dates since 2012.

As above.

- When was the last procurement exercise undertaken for IVF/Fertility Specialist services?

The services have not been the subject of a separate procurement and are included in the contractual envelope of existing providers.

- When is it expected the next procurement exercise will be undertaken for IVF/Fertility Specialist services?

There are no plans to re-procure the services.

- Is there a fixed tariff for IVF? If so what is this if not what is the tariff per current provider

Note:

The below are indicative tariffs we hold for each provider and are not used for payment. All Foundation Trusts we contract with are now paid on an API basis, with this activity being covered by the fixed payment.



IVF indicative tariffs.xlsx

- What volume of activity did the ICB commission for IVF and ICSI services per year from 2012? (use table below)
- What volume of activity did the ICB commission for IUI services per year from 2012? (use table below)
- What volume of egg and or sperm donor services did the ICB commission per year from 2012? (use table below)
- How was the above activity split per provider per year from 2012? If this could be provided in the below format per provider.

Please find below information we hold, however more detailed information in relation could be held by the providers, local hospital foundation trusts.



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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
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Water Lane
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Yours sincerely

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