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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 11 March 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**

Please can you provide the answers to the following questions:

1. Does the ICS / former CCGs offer a locally enhanced service incentive scheme (e.g. for the management of long term conditions, targeting of specific patient cohorts or admission avoidance) to your GP practices, or has a scheme of this nature been offered in the last 5 years?
2. If so, please can you provide the scheme documentation shared with GP practices, or details of all the components of the scheme, such as:
  - a) The specific measure (e.g. Diabetes 8 Care Processes)
  - b) The patient cohort (e.g. patients currently diagnosed with Diabetes)
  - c) The payment mechanism (e.g. payment per patient, achievement of a lower or upper threshold, or target)
  - d) The funding allocated to the measure (e.g. £1 per head of population, £1 per 1000 Diabetic patients)

3. If locally enhanced service incentive schemes are not provided, does the ICS / former CCGs have a scheme that supported GP practices with additional funding, or has a scheme of this nature been offered in the last 5 years?
4. If so, please can you provide the details of this scheme?

If you require any further information. please feel free to get in touch.

## 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

1. Yes, the County Durham ICB place offers a locally enhanced service incentive scheme (e.g. for the management of long term conditions, targeting of specific patient cohorts or admission avoidance) to your GP practices, or has a scheme of this nature been offered in the last 5 years?
2. The full scheme is attached which breaks down various indicators, targets and costs where these are broken down. Our scheme in Durham is mainly a block contract so would be unable to cost out the specific targets unless its states otherwise on particular targets such as frailty, etc.



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3. Local enhanced services incentive schemes are provided
4. Local enhanced services incentive schemes are provided

### Gateshead place


1. Yes, there are individual LES agreements and also the annual Practice Engagement Programme.
2. Scheme details are as follows (please also refer to attached files):

## LES agreements


Annual contracts with practices.

Ref.	Service	Component	2023/ 24 Tariff
G01	Diabetes	Initiation of Injectable Therapies	£275.88 – annually per patient
		Attendance at Annual Training One-off Payment	£339.89 – one payment year end
		Primary Care Management Tier 1 (70%)	£4.01 per patient
		Primary Care Management Tier 2 (80%)	£5.37 per patient
		Primary Care Management Tier 3 (90%)	£9.93 per patient

		NDH Register	£11.04 per patient
G02	Androgen Deprivation Therapy & Gonadotrophin Releasing Hormone Agonists	Androgen Deprivation Therapy	£47.03 Per injection
		PSA Monitoring	£66.21 Per injection
G03	Denosumab Administration	Denosumab Injection	£47.03 per patient
G04	Supporting Transfers of Care (STOC)	Gateshead Practices	£1.10 per patient annually
G05	ECG	ECG	£32.46 per ECG, paid quarterly
G06	Osteoporosis	Management of Osteoporosis Patient following Risk Assessment	£71.73 per item, paid quarterly
G07	Intermediate care beds	Southernwood	£8070.42 - one payment Q1
		Eastwood	£13,214.80 – one payment Q1
G08	HFREF (previously LVSD)	Module A - Six Month Review & Self Care Plan	£33.11 per review per patient
		Module B -Proportion of Pts on max dose of ACE/ARB/ Beta Blockers	£11.04 per patient
G09	DMARDS	DMARD Monitoring	£23.52 per patient quarterly
G10	Anti-Coagulation	Anti-Coag Monitoring	£1.84 per patient quarterly
G11	SMI Health Checks	SMI Healthchecks	£100 per patient quarterly
G12	Multi-agency report writing	Lump sum set up payment	£550
		Weighted payment based on deprivation	£0.61
G13	Migrant Service Clinic	Second Street clinic (quarterly)	£16,136.25
G14	Asylum Seeker Health Assessments	Health Assessment	£250 per health assessment
		Immediately Necessary	£50 per immediately necessary treatment
G15	Anti-Psychotics	Single payment per patient prescribed anti-psychotic medication	£42 single payment per patient prescribed

Care and Support Planning for Long Term Conditions Scheme	£1 per patient	 Level 3 Integrated CSP for LTC Scheme
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## PEP

Practice Engagement Programme (PEP)	Payments per section	 PEP 23-24 Overview FINAL V3.pdf
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- Local enhanced services incentive schemes are provided
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### Newcastle place

- Yes, there are individual LES agreements and also the annual Practice Engagement Programme.
- Scheme details are as follows (please also refer to attached files):

### **LES agreements**

Annual contracts with practices.

Ref.	Service	Component	2023/ 24 Tariff	
NCL-1	Diabetes Service	Module A - Primary Care Management Tier 1 (80%)	£5.37 per patient	LES agreement in place pre-2019/20
		Module A - Primary Care Management Tier 2 (90%)	£7.72 per patient	
		Module A - Primary Care Management Tier 3 (95%)	£9.93 per patient	
		Module B - NDH Register	£11.04 per patient	
NCL-2	Androgen-PSA Monitoring	Androgen Deprivation Injections	£47.03 per injection	LES agreement in place pre-2019/20
		Annual PSA Monitoring	£66.21 per patient annually	
NCL-3	Denosumab Administration	Denosumab Injection	£47.03 per injection	LES agreement in place pre-2019/20
NCL-4	Supporting Transfers of Care (STOC)	Newcastle Practices	£0.55 per patient annually	LES agreement in place pre-2019/20
NCL-5	SMI Health Physical Health Checks	SMI Health Check	£86.55 per healthcheck	Replaced previous Anti Psychotics LES in 2021/22
NCL-6	Multi-agency report writing (Safeguarding Work)	Lump sum set up payment	£550	LES agreement introduced 2020/21
		Weighted payment based on deprivation	£0.19 – £0.73 per head (weighted allocation dependent on deprivation)	
NCL-7	ECG**	ECG	£32.46 per ECG	LES agreement in place from 2019/20
NCL-8	Homeless Service**	GP Support to Homeless Service	£2,039.46 annual retainer	LES agreement in place pre-2019/20
NCL-9	Resource Centre**	Resource Centre Retainer	£3,030.58 annual retainer	LES agreement in place pre-2019/20

		Temporarily Registered Patients	£19.97 per patient annually	
NCL-10	Care Home DES+	DES+ Top Up	£13.17 per bed (as for DES)	LES agreement introduced 2020/21
CSP	Care and support Planning LIS	Personalised care	£1 per patient annually	LIS agreement introduced

### Care and Support Planning LIS

This began as a way to introduce care and support planning methodology initially for diabetes patients, then for all LTC patients. It is now focused on the personalised care element of LTC management. CSP scheme documents are attached.

### Practice Engagement Programme

Annual scheme that is designed yearly to meet the needs of the CCG / ICB. PEP scheme documents are attached.

### North Cumbria place

<b>Health Data to Inform Preventative Care and PCN Priorities</b>	
1. Diabetes case finding: To increase the number of people found with undiagnosed type 2 diabetes in all patients.	<p>Payment of £250 per diabetes case finding.</p> <p>Payment per new diagnosis of type 2 diabetes, over and above baseline set at the beginning of the year. The baseline is set on 2.4 cases per 1000 weighted patient list size.</p>
<b>Vulnerable Groups</b>	
2. Increase the number of people on the Autism register (age 18 or over) who have received an annual physical health check and assessment of mood – to include BP, pulse, smoking and alcohol status, weight, assessment of mood, and appropriate lifestyle advice.	<p>Payment of £42.00 per health check.</p> <p>Payment per person aged 18 years and over who receives a full physical and mental health check, as determined in the metric details.</p>
3. Suicide Awareness: Training <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Practices to enable members of the patient-facing clinical team (not including but not limited to GPs, ANPs, Nursing Teams, social Prescribers, Physiotherapist and Pharmacists) within the practice who will attend training and contribute to support the suicide awareness agenda, support colleagues, engage with the practice to bring about change and increase awareness (including the use of the routine inquiry), and contribute to a practice plan for improvement.</li> <li>b. Practices to nominate one practice staff member per 1500 weighted patient list</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Payment of £300 per decision-making clinician/ACP to attend a half-day event.</li> <li>b. Payment of £25 per staff member who attends a one-hour online training</li> </ul>

<p>size to attend a one-hour training event on Suicide Awareness via teams.</p> <p>c. Suicide Awareness: Coding Practices to ensure that all new diagnoses of depression in patients over 18 years old have recorded the absence or presence of suicidal thoughts.</p>	<p>session up to a maximum of 1 person per 1000 patient list size.</p> <p>c. Payment of £10 per recording of the presence or absence of suicidal thoughts</p>
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North Tyneside place

1. Yes
2. Attached specification which contain the details for all parts
3. Local enhanced services incentive schemes are provided
4. Local enhanced services incentive schemes are provided

Northumberland place

1. Yes
2. The specifications attached detail the measures, patient cohorts, payment mechanisms and the basis of payment.

Year	Specifications
2019/20 IMD/DVT/PSA	<p><b>Care closer to home</b> In addition to the pathways and with acknowledgement from the CCG that workloads have increased for primary care in supporting care closer to home and in reducing unnecessary visits to acute sites and/or within the hospital discharge process further funding is provided to support this activity.</p> <p><b>Measure</b> A quarterly self-declaration form signed by a member of practice staff with delegated authority from the senior partner to complete this declaration before submitted to the CCG.</p> <p>This declaration once received would release funds each quarter and it could be subject to a possible audit check if the practice was selected by the CCG.</p>
2020/21	COVID Year – Contracts were rolled from 19/20 to minimise impact and income was protected at 100% based on 19/20 year-end outturn for all general practice services.
2021/22	See specification documents attached
2022/23	See specification documents attached
2023/24	See specification documents attached

3. Local enhanced services incentive schemes are provided, see documents provided for question 2
4. Local enhanced services incentive schemes are provided

South Tyneside place

1. Yes, Local Incentive Scheme (Better Outcomes Scheme)

2. Scheme details are as follows:

- a) The domains included within the 2024/25 scheme are:
  - Clinical Development and Quality Improvement (this domain encompasses: Cancer, Long Term Conditions, Palliative Care, Frailty, Mental Health and Learning Disabilities)
  - Medicines Optimisation
  - Out of Hospital Care
- b) The scheme allows the freedom for PCN and practice innovation and to work collaboratively; however, the following areas are of key consideration:
  - Optimising early diagnosis and treatment, and proactive patient-centred care
  - Preventing avoidable readmissions and emergency admissions
  - Addressing local health inequalities
- c) The funding allocated to the scheme is £4.85 per patient.
- d) As response to 2c.

3. Locally enhanced schemes are provided, see responses 1 and 2 for South Tyneside place.

4. Locally enhanced schemes are provided, see responses 1 and 2 for South Tyneside place.

#### Sunderland place

1. Yes

2. Scheme documentation is attached – the scheme indicates the following:

- a) Specific Measure.
- b) Patient cohort.
- c) Threshold – although each indicator is not worth a specific amount of money as the scheme is funded in a different way.
- d) Each indicator is not worth a specific amount of money as the scheme is funded in a different way – this is detailed in each document below:

3. Locally enhanced schemes are provided, see responses 1 and 2 for Sunderland place.

4. Locally enhanced schemes are provided, see responses 1 and 2 for Sunderland place.

#### Tees Valley place

1. Yes

2. Please refer to attached documents

3. Locally enhanced service incentive schemes are provided, details provided in question 1 response.

4. Locally enhanced service incentive schemes are provided, details provided in question 1 response.

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/>.

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Yours sincerely

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