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Freedom of Information Act 2000 - Request for Information – NHS North East & North Cumbria Integrated Care Board (ICB)

Thank you for your request received by North of England Commissioning Support (NECS) on 25 May 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).

Details of Request

1. Do you currently have any Community Diagnostic Centre(s) (CDC(s)) in place? (Y/N; If yes, number of CDCs)
2. If the answer to question 1 is yes:
 - a. For the CDC(s) you have in place, which are operated in-house or by a third-party?
 - b. If one or more CDC(s) are operated by a third-party, which partner(s) are involved in the operation of the CDC(s) (Please indicate which partner corresponds to which CDC)?
3. If the answer to question 1 is no:
 - a. Are you exploring the option of setting up a CDC? (Y/N; If yes, number of CDCs under exploration)
 - b. If the answer to question 3a is yes, are you exploring the option of using third-party providers? (Y/N)
4. How many of the following scanners do you currently operate within your Trusts and CDCs?

		within your CDC(s)
Trust 1 [Provide name]	# MRI scanners	
	# CT scanners	
[Add more Trusts if required]	# MRI scanners	
	# CT scanners	

		Number located within your CDC(s) [if applicable]
CDC 1 [Provide name]	# MRI scanners	
	# CT scanners	
[Add more CDCs if required]	# MRI scanners	
	# CT scanners	

5. Have you used a mobile MRI or CT service (that you operate or a third-party operates) in the last three years? (Y/N)

6. If the answer to question 5 is yes:

a. Approximately how many scans were undertaken on mobile scanners in the years 2020/21, 2021/22 and 2022/23 within your Trusts?

[Trust 1 – Provide name]	Mobile service used in the last three years? (Y/N)	
	Approximate total # scans undertaken on a mobile scanner by year	2020/21
		2021/22
[Add more Trusts if required]	Mobile service used in the last three years? (Y/N)	
	Approximate total # scans undertaken on a mobile scanner by year	2020/21
		2021/22
		2022/23

b. Why have Trusts within your ICS used mobile scanning services over the last three years (please indicate all that apply and repeat for all relevant Trusts) [question format: Scan type / Topic / Reason]?

[Trust 1 – Provide name]

CT / Interim capacity / To provide interim scanning capacity during the installation of new scanners/ replacement of scanners within a hospital setting (Y/N):

CT / Interim capacity / To provide interim scanning capacity during the set-up of Community Diagnostic Centres (CDCs) (Y/N):

CT / Routine ad-hoc additional capacity / To provide ad-hoc additional overflow capacity at times of high demand (Y/N):

CT / Routine ongoing additional capacity / To provide ongoing additional capacity in a hospital setting (Y/N):

CT / Routine ongoing additional capacity / To provide ongoing additional capacity in a community setting (Y/N):

CT / Other (please specify; free text):

MRI / Interim capacity / To provide interim scanning capacity during the installation of new scanners/ replacement of scanners within a hospital setting (Y/N):

MRI / Interim capacity / To provide interim scanning capacity during the set-up of Community Diagnostic Centres (CDCs) (Y/N):

MRI / Routine ad-hoc additional capacity / To provide ad-hoc additional overflow capacity at times of high demand (Y/N):

MRI / Routine ongoing additional capacity / To provide ongoing additional capacity in a hospital setting (Y/N):

MRI / Routine ongoing additional capacity / To provide ongoing additional capacity in a community setting (Y/N):

MRI / Other (please specify; free text):

- c. If Trusts within your ICS are using mobile scanning services to provide routine ongoing additional capacity, what is the primary reason for using a mobile service rather than installing a static scanner within the Trust/CDC(s) (please indicate all that apply and repeat for all relevant Trusts) [question format: Scan type / Primary reason]?

[Trust 1 – Provide name]

CT / Lacking sufficient capital budget to acquire a new scanner (Y/N):

CT / There isn't enough space to install an additional permanent scanner (Y/N):

CT / Scan volumes are not high enough to make the purchase of an additional scanner cost-effective (Y/N):

CT / Other (please specify; free text):

MRI / Lacking sufficient capital budget to acquire a new scanner (Y/N):

MRI / There isn't enough space to install an additional permanent scanner (Y/N):

MRI / Scan volumes are not high enough to make the purchase of an additional scanner cost-effective (Y/N):

MRI / Other (please specify; free text):

- d. Do you use any third-party providers for the provision of MRI or CT mobile scanning services and, if so, which providers and do they provide services for your CDC(s) as well (if applicable)?

	Provider name	Provide mobile MRI services (Y/N)
[Trust 1 – Provide name]	Provider 1	
	[Add more if required]	
[Add more if required]	Provider 1	
	[Add more if required]	

Response

NENC ICB are not the holders of this information, you will be best placed to redirect your request to the Foundation Trusts within the ICB Area.

Your FOI should therefore be redirected as follows: -

County Durham & Darlington NHS Foundation Trust – cdda-tr.cddftfoi@nhs.net

Tees, Esk & Wear Valley NHS Trust – tewv.ftmembership@nhs.net

South Tees Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust – foi@stees.nhs.uk

Northumbria Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust – foi@northumbria.nhs.uk

Gateshead Health NHS Foundation Trust – ghnt.foi.enquiries@nhs.net

Newcastle Upon Tyne Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust –

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North Tees & Hartlepool NHS Foundation Trust – foi@nth.nhs.uk

South Tyneside and Sunderland NHS Foundation Trust –

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North Cumbria Integrated Care Foundation NHS Trust – FOIRequests@ncic.nhs.uk

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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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Yours sincerely

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