



North East and North Cumbria

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Dear

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 19 June 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).

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

Your Request

I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information around the procurement of services under the NHS Talking Therapies, formerly IAPT (Improving Access to Psychological Therapies) program.

Please provide data on providers, volume and value for outsourcing and insourcing IAPT (NHS Talking Therapies) services within your respective trust, board, or ICS for the financial years 2022-23, 2021-22, 2020-21, 2019-20, 2018-19. Please provide the following:

- a) name of the provider to whom is outsourced/insourced,
- b) the total value of the services provided/contract (in £s), and
- c) total volume of appointments procured (as # of appointments covered/completed under the agreement)

We have defined outsourcing as an external (third party) provider that has been contracted by your trust, health board or ICB to deliver therapy, and insourcing as internal bodies within your trust, health board or ICB delivering the required therapy. This FOI request is for both CYP and adults; it would be helpful if you could report which population is being considered when reporting the findings.

Services that we considered included under NHS Talking Therapies / IAPT are the following:

- Guided self-help based on cognitive behavioural therapy principles
- Cognitive behavioural therapy (CBT)
- Interpersonal therapy (IPT)
- Couple therapy for depression (CTfD) or behavioural couple therapy (BCT)
- Dynamic interpersonal therapy (DIT)
- Counselling for depression (PCE-CfD).
- Mindfulness-based cognitive therapy (MBCT)
- Trauma-focused cognitive behavioural therapy (TfCBT)
- Eye movement desensitisation and reprocessing (EDMR)

If it is not possible to provide the information requested due to the information exceeding the cost of compliance limits identified in Section 12, please provide advice and assistance, under the Section 16 obligations of the Act, as to how I can refine my request. If you can identify any ways that my request could be refined, I would be grateful for any further advice and assistance.

Our Response

The response, collated on behalf of North East and North Cumbria ICB, can be found in the attached spreadsheet. This details services provided and the values and appointment volumes where available (some services are part of block contracts). Please be aware of the following details provided by some ICB places.

Northumberland place: The information you requested is not held by NENC ICB at Northumberland place. Please redirect your query to NHS Northumberland Talking Therapies. Their email is tmn.info@nhs.net

Mental Health acute trusts: Some services are outsourced to NENC Mental Health trust providers who can be contacted via:

NENC Mental Health Hospital FTs	Email
Cumbria, Northumberland, Tyne & Wear NHS FT	foi@cntw.nhs.uk
Tees, Esk & Wear Valley NHS FT	tewv.foi@nhs.net

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
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

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 . This will not affect your initial information request.

Yours sincerely

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