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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 18 July 2022 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.

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 County Durham, Newcastle Gateshead, North Cumbria, North Tyneside, Northumberland, South Tyneside, Sunderland and Tees Valley.

Details of Request

The questions below which we would like you to answer are designed to help me understand how you commission services that provide regular overnight breaks at home to enable parents or carers of children and young people with life-limiting and life-threatening conditions to sleep. They are also designed to help me understand how you commission packages of NHS continuing care for children and young people.

In order to help you meet my request, I provide definitions to the terms I use in my questions below:

Life-limiting and life-threatening conditions

“Life-limiting conditions are those for which there is no reasonable hope of cure and from which children will die. Some of these conditions cause slow deterioration over time rendering the child increasingly dependent on parents and carers.

Life-threatening conditions are those for which curative treatment may be feasible but can fail, such as cancer.”

Children and young people

Babies, children and young people aged 0-18.

Complex clinical care

This includes (but is not limited to) care which involves overnight ventilation, enteral feeding, oxygen therapy and/or seizure management, for example.

Questions

- 1. Do you commission services that provide regular overnight breaks at home to enable parents or carers of children and young people with life-limiting and life-threatening conditions to sleep? (Yes/No)**
- 2. If you answered yes to (1), please describe the services that you commission, including:**
 - the criteria that children and young people must meet in order to access them**
 - the criteria that parents and carers must meet in order to access them**
 - if these services are available at weekends and bank holidays**
 - how frequently parents and carers can access them (a certain number of hours or nights per week, for example).**
- 3. If you answered yes to (1), do you specify that these services are to be provided by trained nurses and/or other carers with the skills and experience needed to provide complex clinical care to children and young people with life-limiting and life-threatening conditions (Yes/No)?**
- 4. If you answered yes to (3), please describe out the skills and experiences that you specify.**
- 5. Please set out the criteria that children and young people in your CCG area must meet in order to access NHS children and young people's continuing care, if this is different to your answer to question 2. Please attach a copy of your criteria document or assessment document for children and young people's continuing care.**
- 6. Please set out the number of children and young people your CCG has provided NHS children and young people's continuing care packages to each year in the years 2017/18-2021/22 inclusive.**
- 7. Please set out the number of *new* NHS children and young people's continuing care packages your CCG has awarded to children and young people in each of the years 2017/18-2021/22 inclusive.**
- 8. Please set out how much money your CCG has spent on providing NHS children and young people's continuing care each year in the years 2017/18-2021/22 inclusive.**

Response

Q1 – 5 are on behalf of all the localities within the NENC.

1. The places provide packages of care to provide parents and carers with a break from the caring role and this can include support overnight
2. These packages of care are commissioned on an individual basis and the National Framework for child and young people's continuing care (2016) is applied to identify children and young people whose health needs cannot be met via commissioned services or a case management approach. These services can include care in the home or via a provider eg hospice or commissioned respite provision.
3. The carer and the skills required to meet the individual needs of the child or young person is identified and appropriate training is arranged if the care is provided in the home. Commissioned services are governed by the contract in place eg hospice or respite provision. As the packages of care are individual the needs of the child or young person determine the experience and skills of the carer required.
4. As the packages of care are individual the needs of the child or young person determine the experience and skills of the carer required.



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Q6 – 8 have been answered individually per locality:

North Cumbria Locality:

6.

2017//18 – 9
2018/19 – 14
2019/20 – 22
2020/21 – 25
2021/22 – 29

7.

2017//18 – 6
2018/19 – 3
2019/20 – 8
2020/21 – 5
2021/22 – 3

8.

2017//18 – £855,312
2018/19 – £1,207,625
2019/20 – £1,369,985
2020/21 – £2,795,230
2021/22 – £3,819,671

Tees Valley Locality:

6.
2017/18 – 58
2018/19 – 57
2019/20 – 93
2020/21 – 88
2021/22 - 95

7.
2017/18 – 13
2018/19 – 20
2019/20 – 45
2020/21 – 24
2021/22 - 20

8.
2017/18 - £1,155k
2018/19 - £1,193k
2019/20 - £2,331k
2020/21 - £2,953m
2021/22 - £4,996k

County Durham Locality:

6.
2017/18 – no information held
2018/19 – no information held
2019/20 – 68
2020/21 – 87
2021/22 - 79

7.
2017/18 – no information held
2018/19 – no information held
2019/20 – 9
2020/21 – 23
2021/22 - 13

8.
2017/18 – no information held
2018/19 - no information held
2019/20 - £1,242k
2020/21 - £1,707k
2021/22 - £2,251k

Newcastle Gateshead Locality:

6.
2017/18 – 27
2018/19 – 42
2019/20 – 51
2020/21 – 74
2021/22 - 85

7.
2017/18 – 9

2018/19 – 15
2019/20 – 15
2020/21 – 23
2021/22 - 14

8.

2017/18 - £664k
2018/19 - £1,043k
2019/20 - £1,603k
2020/21 - £3,266k
2021/22 - £4,557k

North Tyneside Locality:

6.

2017/18 – 18
2018/19 – 20
2019/20 – 22
2020/21 – 28
2021/22 - 38

7.

2017/18 – 2
2018/19 – 5
2019/20 – 3
2020/21 – 9
2021/22 - 12

8.

2017/18 - £132,462
2018/19 - £244,341
2019/20 - £719,645
2020/21 - £708,016
2021/22 - £1,000,949

Northumberland Locality:

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2017/18 – 15
2018/19 – 23
2019/20 – 21
2020/21 – 24
2021/22 - 29

7.

2017/18 – 5
2018/19 – 8
2019/20 – 0
2020/21 – 3
2021/22 - 5

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2017/18 - 559
2018/19 - 562

2019/20 - 1397
2020/21 - 1333
2021/22 - 1371

South Tyneside Locality:

6.

2017/18 - 5
2018/19 - 7
2019/20 - 5
2020/21 - 7
2021/22 - 7

7.

2017/18 - 1
2018/19 - 2
2019/20 - 0
2020/21 - 2
2021/22 - 0

8.

2017/18 - £2,622,722
2018/19 - £2,700,000
2019/20 - £2,700,000
2020/21 - £2,700,000
2021/22 - £2,700,000

Sunderland Locality:

6.

2017/18 - 0
2018/19 - 5
2019/20 - 9
2020/21 - 8
2021/22 - 6

7.

2017/18 - 0
2018/19 - 5
2019/20 - 5
2020/21 - 3
2021/22 - 2

8.

2017/18 - £0
2018/19 - £51,990
2019/20 - £166,326
2020/21 - £130,693
2021/22 - £190,036

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The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

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Yours sincerely

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