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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 12 February 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

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, could you please supply me with some information regarding commissioned services and community pharmacy? I would like to know:

1. What locally commissioned services are currently commissioned by the ICB, outside of the Community Pharmacy Contractual Framework.
2. The number of pharmacies commissioned to provide each service.
3. The value of each contract
4. The date of each contract.

I'd be most grateful if you could provide your response in Excel format or a table (such as that below).

Service	Number of pharmacies commissioned	Value of contract	Contract start date	Contract end date

Our Response

We can confirm, as per Section 1(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, the ICB does hold the information requested.

County Durham place

Service	Number of pharmacies commissioned	Value of contract	Contract start date	Contract end date
<i>Issue of Food Thickening Vouchers</i>	42	<i>Zero Based</i>	<i>1st April 2023</i>	<i>31st March 2024</i>
<i>Stocking of Palliative Care Drugs</i>	99	<i>Zero Based</i>	<i>1st April 2023</i>	<i>31st March 2024</i>
<i>Provision of Antiviral Medicines Service</i>	36	<i>Zero Based</i>	<i>1st April 2023</i>	<i>31st March 2024</i>
<i>Reimbursement of Prescription Charges for Anti-Tuberculosis Drugs</i>	21	<i>Zero Based</i>	<i>1st April 2023</i>	<i>31st March 2024</i>
<i>Community Pharmacy Dispensing Service to support the Minor Eye Conditions Assessment and Treatment Service (MECATS)</i>	66	<i>Zero Based</i>	<i>1st April 2023</i>	<i>31st March 2024</i>

Newcastle Gateshead, North Tyneside, Northumberland and South Tyneside

Service	Number of pharmacies commissioned	Value of contract	Contract start date	Contract end date
<i>Think Pharmacy First (NENC ICB-wide)</i>	659		<i>01/09/2023</i>	<i>31/08/2026</i>
<i>PDG Service Specification for the Treatment of Simple UTI in Females (from 16 years to under 65 years of age)</i>	479	<i>Indicative contract value of £1.4m per year</i>	<i>01/09/2023</i>	<i>ICB-commissioned service ends 31/03/2024 to be replaced by national service</i>
<i>Specialist Drugs (Newcastle, Gateshead, North Tyneside, Northumberland, South Tyneside)</i>	<i>Service delivered via Prime Provider model</i>	<i>Indicative contract value £71,026. Zero guaranteed activity based contract</i>	<i>01/04/2024</i>	<i>31/03/2025</i>
<i>Sharp Ends Service (Northumberland only)</i>		<i>Indicative contract value £13,150. Zero guaranteed activity based contract</i>		

MAR Charts (South Tyneside only)	Indicative contract value £11,101. Zero guaranteed activity based contract	
End of Life Palliative Care On Call Drugs (South Tyneside only)	Indicative contract value £23,837. Zero guaranteed activity based contract	

North Cumbria place

Service	Number of pharmacies commissioned	Value of contract	Contract start date	Contract end date
Community Pharmacy Supply of Gluten Free Foods	26	£0 value as the contracts are on a cost per case basis	01/04/2023	31/03/2024
Community Pharmacy access to Palliative Care Medicines	9	£0 value as the contracts are on a cost per case basis	01/04/2023	31/03/2024
Response to Influenza type infections in Nursing and Residential Homes and Avian Influenza Outbreaks in North Cumbria	3	£0 value as the contracts are on a cost per case basis	01/04/2023	31/03/2024
Reimbursement of Prescription Charges for Asylum Seekers Cohort – North Cumbria	6	£0 value as the contracts are on a cost per case basis	01/04/2023	31/03/2024

Sunderland place

Service	Number of pharmacies commissioned	Value of contract	Contract start date	Contract end date
OOH Palliative Medicines	1	£20,686 (activity based)	01/04/2023	31/03/2024

Tees Valley place

Service	Number of pharmacies commissioned	Value of contract	Contract start date	Contract end date
Supply of Palliative Care Medication	12	£50 annual retainer and pharmacies can reclaim costs of expired drugs	01/04/2023	31/03/2024

<i>Avian Flu & Care Home Outbreak</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>£400 annual retainer</i>	<i>01/04/2023</i>	<i>31/03/2024</i>
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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/>.

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 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 review, you do have the right of complaint to the Information Commissioner as established by section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. 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
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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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