

Our Reference North East and North Cumbria ICB\
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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 17 October 2024 for information held by NHS North East and North Cumbria Integrated Care Board (the ICB) under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

The ICB covers the areas of County Durham, Gateshead, Newcastle, North Cumbria, North Tyneside, Northumberland, South Tyneside, Sunderland, and Tees Valley (which covers the five local authorities of Darlington, Hartlepool, Middlesbrough, Redcar and 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, I am requesting information about the members of the Long-Term Conditions Board within your Integrated Care Board (ICB). Specifically, I would appreciate the following details:

1. *Names and Positions:* A list of current members of the Long-Term Conditions team, along with their roles and titles.
2. *Contact Information:* A contact method (phone or email) for the team leads.
3. *Organisational Structure:* Documentation outlining the structure of the Long-Term Conditions team, including how it integrates with other departments within the ICS.

This information will be used to support collaboration and communication with the team, with the aim of improving patient care and resource management within the healthcare system.

If you are unable to provide any of the requested information, please offer a detailed explanation. If this information is publicly available, kindly direct me to the appropriate source.

I understand I am entitled to a response within 20 working days under the Freedom of Information Act. I would appreciate confirmation of receipt of this request and an estimated timeline for when I might receive the information.

Our Response

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

1. A list of the current job roles within the Long-Term Conditions team is:

- Lead Medical Director, Alex Kent
- Director of Transformation (provides oversight of programme), Siobhan Brown
- Range of ICB clinical leads
- Head of Programmes
- Project Delivery Lead x2
- Clinical Programmes Manager (Stroke, employed by NHSE)
- Clinical Lead (Stroke, employed through NHSE)
- Clinical Programmes Manager (cardiology, employed by NHSE)
- Clinical Lead (Cardiology, employed through NHSE)

We can confirm, as per Section 1(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, the ICB does hold the requested information however, below director level, it is exempt from disclosure under s.40(2) of the FOIA2000 as it would constitute personal data as defined by Article 4(1) of the UK General Data Protection Regulation (UK GDPR).

However, section 40(8) of FOIA confirms that for the purposes of considering disclosure, a public authority may consider the legitimate interest's lawful basis for processing. In considering the balance between identified legitimate interests and the rights and interests of the individuals concerned, we must consider if the proposed disclosure would be within the reasonable expectations of the individual when the data was collected.

We believe that disclosure of the personal information relating to these individuals would be contrary to the requirements of Article 5(1)(a) of the GDPR; namely that information must be processed lawfully, fairly and in a transparent manner. These individuals would have no expectation that this information would be made publicly available, and we have not identified a lawful basis that would allow or require us to disclose this information.

We have followed the Information Commissioner's guidance in assessing whether it is fair to disclose the information under FOIA. This involves considering the nature of the information, the expectations of, and potential harm (of disclosure) to, the data subjects, and how any legitimate public interest in this information is balanced against the rights and freedoms of the data subjects.

In considering a disclosure under FOIA, we must consider that any information released under the Act will be placed in the public domain, through our own disclosure log or by other means.

For staff employed by NHS England, you may wish to redirect your query. In accordance with our duty under s.16 of the FOIA to provide reasonable advice and assistance to an individual requesting information, we have provided the FOI email address for NHSE for staff noted

above, who are employed through them: england.contactus@nhs.net Please write "Freedom of Information" in the subject line.

2. Please contact individual team members using nencicb-ng.nenclongtermconditions@nhs.net
3. An organogram showing the team's links to other teams is attached.

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
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
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www.ico.org.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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