

Our Reference North East and North Cumbria ICB\  
FOI ICB 24–219

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By Email

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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 23 August 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 would like to request the following information regarding expenditure for mental health provision, healthcare software, dermatology, imaging and medical devices.

**Mental Health**

1. Which providers are you working with to support on ADHD assessment and treatment?
  - Please can you share the spend broken down by provider for FY23/24.
  - Please can you share the spend broken down by provider for FY22/23.
2. Which providers are you working with for Autism assessment and treatment?
  - Please can you share the spend broken down by provider for FY23/24.
  - Please can you share the spend broken down by provider for FY22/23.
3. Which providers are on the NHS Talking Therapies (IAPT) framework?
  - Please can you share the spend broken down by provider for FY23/24.
  - Please can you share the spend broken down by provider for FY22/23.

4. Which online mental health providers are you working with?
  - Please can you share the spend broken down by provider for FY23/24.
  - Please can you share the spend broken down by provider for FY22/23.

### **Healthcare software**

5. Which software providers are you working with for electronic patient/health records?
  - Please can you share the spend broken down by provider for FY23/24.
  - Please can you share the spend broken down by provider for FY22/23.
6. Which software providers are you working with for healthcare compliance/ incident tracking e.g RL Datix, inphase etc...
  - Please can you share the spend broken down by provider for FY23/24.
  - Please can you share the spend broken down by provider for FY22/23.
7. Which consultancy providers are you working with for digital transformation support?
  - Please can you share the spend broken down by provider for FY23/24.
  - Please can you share the spend broken down by provider for FY22/23.

### **Dermatology**

8. Which providers are you working with to provide community dermatology/skin screening services?
  - Please can you share the spend broken down by provider for FY23/24.
  - Please can you share the spend broken down by provider for FY22/23.

*To clarify:* We are looking to understand whether you outsource any dermatology work to private providers e.g Sussex Dermatology Partnership, Priderm etc...

### **Imaging**

9. Which providers are you working with to provide teleradiology services?
  - Please can you share the spend broken down by provider for FY23/24.
  - Please can you share the spend broken down by provider for FY22/23.
10. Which private radiology providers are you working with to increase capacity?
  - Please can you share the spend broken down by provider for FY23/24.
  - Please can you share the spend broken down by provider for FY22/23.

### **Medical Devices**

11. Which medical device suppliers are you working with for wound care products?
  - Please can you share the spend broken down by provider for FY23/24.
  - Please can you share the spend broken down by provider for FY22/23.

### **Our Response**

We can confirm, as per Section 1(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, the ICB holds some of the information you have requested.

1. Commissioned services within the North East and North Cumbria are provided by Foundation Trusts and Psych-UK. They are paid on a block contract basis and therefore the ICB do not hold this information. NENC ICB commission the following providers for ADHD services and Autism assessment and treatment services:

- Cumbria, Northumberland, Tyne & Wear NHS Foundation Trust (FT)
- Tees, Esk and Wear Valleys NHS FT
- Psychiatry UK (North Cumbria)

Please note information can only be provided for this FOI based on patients accessing locally commissioned services. Patients are also able to access services provided by providers outside of locally commissioned services under the NHS Right to Choose, but the ICB does not hold all this information.

2. Please refer to the response for question 1.

3. NHS Talking Therapies for Anxiety and Depression (TTAD) services are not provided via a framework across the NENC ICB. The following providers deliver TTAD services to people over the age of 16:

- Alliance Psychological Services Ltd (provides the Teesside TTAD service)
  - 2023/24: £8,198,324
  - 2022/23: £7,926,539
- Tees, Esk and Wear Valleys NHS FT (provides the Durham and Darlington TTAD service)
  - Paid via block contract
- Vita Health Solutions Ltd (provides the Newcastle TTAD service)
  - 2023/24: £4,669,230
  - 2022/23: £3,414,510 (1st August 2022 to 31st March 2023)
- MHC/NTW LLP (used to provide the Newcastle TTAD service)
  - 2022/23: £485,584 (1st April 2022 – 31st July 2022)
- The Newcastle upon Tyne Hospitals NHS FT (used to provide the Newcastle TTAD service)
  - 2022/23: £606,677 (1st April 2022 – 31st July 2022)
- South Tyneside and Sunderland NHS Foundation Trust (provides the Gateshead TTAD service)
  - Paid via block contract
- South Tyneside and Sunderland NHS FT (provides the South Tyneside TTAD service as part of a lifecycle service which also includes CAMHS so the TTAD funding cannot be separated from the overall funding for the service).
- Northumbria Healthcare NHS FT (provides the North Tyneside TTAD service)
  - Paid via block contract
- Cumbria, Northumberland, Tyne & Wear NHS FT (provides the Northumberland TTAD service)
  - 2023/24: £5,510,420
  - 2022/23: £5,063,699
- Cumbria, Northumberland, Tyne & Wear NHS FT (provides the Sunderland TTAD service)
  - Paid via block contract
- Cumbria, Northumberland, Tyne & Wear NHS FT (provides the North Cumbria TTAD service)
  - Paid via block contract

4. Online mental health providers are:

- KOOTH Digital
  - 2023/24: £413,225.50
  - 2022/23: £379,853.74
- Psychiatry UK
  - Finance information provided in the question 3 response.

5. On this occasion it is not possible to provide the requested information. In line with your rights under section 1(1)(a) of the Act to be informed whether information is held, we confirm the ICB does not hold any of the information requested. However, we have determined that the information is held by the acute and mental health hospital NHS foundation trusts (FTs) within the North East and North Cumbria region.

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 addresses for those hospitals to make your request.

<b>NENC Acute Hospital FTs</b>	<b>Email</b>
County Durham and Darlington NHS FT	cdda-tr.cddffoi@nhs.net
Gateshead Health NHS FT	ghnt.foi.enquiries@nhs.net
North Cumbria Integrated Care NHS FT	foirequest@cumbria.nhs.uk
North Tees and Hartlepool NHS FT	foi@nth.nhs.uk
Northumbria Healthcare NHS FT	foi@northumbria.nhs.uk
South Tees Hospitals NHS FT	foi@stees.nhs.uk
South Tyneside and Sunderland NHS FT	stsft.freedomofinformation@nhs.net
The Newcastle upon Tyne Hospitals NHS FT	nuth.freedom.information@nhs.net

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

6. Please refer to the response to question 5.  
 7. Please refer to the response to question 5.  
 8. Thank you for your email in which you clarified your FOI request of question 8, "Which providers are you working with to provide community dermatology/skin screening services?" for "We are looking to understand whether you outsource any dermatology work to private providers e.g Sussex Dermatology Partnership, Priderm etc..."

Unfortunately, the clarification you have provided still does not provide us with sufficient details to identify or locate the information you require, and we are therefore unable to deal with your request. Under section 1(3) of the Freedom of Information Act we need not comply with a request unless any further information, reasonably required to enable us to locate the information, is provided.

9. Please refer to the response to question 5.  
 10. Please refer to the response to question 5.  
 11. Medical device suppliers and associated spend is shown in the table below:

<b>ICB area</b>	<b>Supplier</b>	<b>Spend 2022/23</b>	<b>Spend 2023/24</b>
North Cumbria	North West Ostomy Supplies	The account is held by North Cumbria Integrated Care FT who hold this information regarding spend.	The account is held by North Cumbria Integrated Care FT who hold this information regarding spend.

Newcastle Gateshead	Amcare	£2,400,000 estimated	£2,400,000 estimated
Northumberland and North Tyneside	North West Ostomy Supplies	The account is held by Northumbria Healthcare FT who hold this information regarding spend.	The account is held by Northumbria Healthcare FT who hold this information regarding spend.
Sunderland	North West Ostomy Supplies	£1,100,000 estimated	£1,100,000 estimated
South Tyneside	North West Ostomy Supplies	£630,000 estimated	£651,411.19
Durham	North West Ostomy Supplies	£760,000 estimated	£760,000 estimated
Durham, Dales, Easington and Sedgfield	North West Ostomy Supplies	£1,300,000 estimated	£1,300,000 estimated
Darlington	North West Ostomy Supplies	£750,000 estimated	£750,000 estimated
Tees Valley	North West Ostomy Supplies	The account is held by local FTs who hold this information regarding spend.	The account is held by local FTs who hold this information regarding spend.

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  
SK9 5AF

[www.ico.org.uk](http://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](http://www.legislation.gov.uk) . This will not affect your initial information request.

Yours faithfully

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