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By Email

Dear

Freedom of Information Act 2000 - Request for Information – NHS North East & North Cumbria Integrated Care Board.

Thank you for your request received by North of England Commissioning Support (NECS) on 8 September 2022 for information held by NHS North East and North Cumbria Integrated Care Board (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 the areas of County Durham, Newcastle Gateshead, North Cumbria, North Tyneside, Northumberland, South Tyneside, Sunderland and Tees Valley.

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

Request

I would be most grateful if you would provide me, under the Freedom of Information Act, details in respect to the below.

The details we require are:

Q1: Do you have a commissioned Nutrition / Dietetics Medicines Optimisation team focusing on the nutrition (Oral Nutritional Supplement (ONS) and infant formula) spend in North East and North Cumbria ICS and the individual places within the ICS?

If yes,

Q2: Please provide the contract expiry date, contract value and vendor name.

Q3: What are the contractual performance KPI's for this contract (ONS and infant formula prescription savings per year)?

Q4: Who is the senior officer (outside of procurement) responsible for this contract?

Response

County Durham area

Q1 - The County Durham ICB Locality has a Medicines Optimisation team that deals with all types of prescribable products, and which may include ONS and infant formula; it does not have a commissioned Nutrition/Dietetics MO team that focuses on the area's nutrition spend.

Q2 – Not applicable

Q3 – Not applicable

Q4 – Not applicable

Newcastle Gateshead area

Q1 - No, we do not have a Nutrition/Dietetics MO team.

Q2 – Not applicable

Q3 – Not applicable

Q4 – Not applicable

North Cumbria area

Q1 - MO pharmacist has nutrition as lead area for ~0.2WTE, audits, liaise with practices and specialists.

Q2 - Part of overall MO CSU contract: North of England Commissioning Support, therefore no specific value.

Q3. None

Q4. Helena Gregory and director of North Cumbria place, Ed Tallis.

North Tyneside area

Q1 Yes, commissioned dietetic team focused on ONS only

Q2. NHS Northumbria Healthcare FT, this is block contract arrangement with the NHS Trust for this and other services. The FT would need to be contacted via foi@northumbria.nhs.uk for a specific value for this service. This is a Foundation Trust contract where the contract is annually agreed.

Q3. No specific KPI metrics

Q4. Kaye McEntee, NT 99C

Northumberland area

Q1 - No. Northumberland Sub ICB Location does not have a specific dietetic/nutrition medicines optimisation team. Monitoring of spend in this area comes under the remit of the wider MO team

Q2 – Not applicable

Q3 – Not applicable

Q4 – Not applicable

South Tyneside area

Q1 - No specific services are commissioned to focus on ONS or infant formula.

The spend on these products is monitored along with all other products prescribed in primary care via epect by the medicines optimisation team.

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Q2 – Not applicable

Q3 – Not applicable

Q4 – Not applicable

Sunderland area

Q1 – No

Q2 – Not applicable

Q3 – Not applicable

Q4 – Not applicable

Tees Valley area

Q1 – No

Q2 – Not applicable

Q3 – Not applicable

Q4 – Not applicable

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:

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Yours sincerely

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