

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 13 March 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

I am submitting this request under the Freedom of Information Act and the Code of Practice on Openness in the NHS. I confirm that I am submitting this request under my real name. Please confirm the ICB holds the following data, and where it is held please provide the data as requested.

For the below 3 services which are part of the clinical specialty cardiology:

Adults Community Cardiology Services

1. Please provide a list of all providers the ICB holds contracts with for this service.
2. For each contracted provider, please provide the Service Specification that describes the service (whether standalone or integrated in a broader Service Specification)

Adults Community Heart Failure Service

3. Please provide a list of all providers the ICB holds contracts with for this service.
4. For each contracted provider, please provide the Service Specification that describes the service (whether standalone or integrated in a broader Service Specification).

Adults Cardiac Rehabilitation Service

5. Please provide a list of all providers the ICB holds contracts with for this service.
6. For each contracted provider, please provide the Service Specification that describes the service (whether standalone or integrated in a broader Service Specification).

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

All services – Adults Community Cardiology, Adults Community Heart Failure and Adults Cardiac Rehabilitation – are provided by County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust (FT) for County Durham and Darlington.

The Service Specification below covers all three services.



County Durham -
Service Spec.pdf

Gateshead, Newcastle, North Tyneside and Northumberland places

1. The ICB holds contracts with the following for Adults Community Cardiology Services:
 - Gateshead Health NHS FT
 - Newcastle upon Tyne Hospitals NHS FT
 - Northumbria Healthcare NHS FT
2. The service specifications are shown below:
 - Gateshead Health NHS FT – service spec not available
 - Newcastle upon Tyne Hospitals NHS FT



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- Northumbria Healthcare NHS FT



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3. The ICB holds contracts with the following for Adults Community Heart Failure Service:
 - Gateshead Health NHS FT
 - Newcastle upon Tyne Hospitals NHS FT
 - Northumbria Healthcare NHS FT
4. Service specifications are as per responses to question 2.
5. The ICB holds contracts with the following for Adults Community Heart Failure Service:
 - Gateshead Health NHS FT
 - Newcastle upon Tyne Hospitals NHS FT
 - Northumbria Healthcare NHS FT

6. Service specifications information is:

- Gateshead Health NHS FT – service specification not available
- Newcastle upon Tyne Hospitals NHS FT – service specification in development
- Northumbria Healthcare NHS FT – see service specification in response to question 2.

North Cumbria place

1. North Cumbria Integrated Care NHS FT.
2. Please see service specification below:



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3. North Cumbria Integrated Care NHS FT.
4. See response to question 2.
5. North Cumbria Integrated Care NHS FT.
6. See response to question 2.

South Tyneside place

Within the North East and North Cumbria ICB for South Tyneside Place, South Tyneside and Sunderland NHSFT are commissioned to delivery both acute and community Cardiology services.

The attached specifications are currently in place but are subject to review.



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Sunderland place

Within NENC ICB for Sunderland Place, South Tyneside and Sunderland NHS FT are commissioned to delivery Cardiology services, both acute and community. The attached specification is currently in place but is subject to review. Sunderland also commission Sunderland GP Alliance to provide an Ambulatory ECG service, the specification for this is also attached.



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Tees Valley place

1. The providers with whom the ICB holds contracts with for Adults Community Cardiology Services are:
 - North Tees & Hartlepool NHS Foundation Trust
 - South Tees Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
2. All service specifications are shown below:
 - North Tees & Hartlepool NHS Foundation Trust



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- South Tees Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust



South Tees Cardiac
Rehabilitation Service



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Heart Failure Rehab
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Cardiothoracic
Surgical Division



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3. Providers of Adults Community Heart Failure Service are noted in response to question 1 for Tees Valley ICB Place
4. Service specifications are shown in response to question 2.
5. Providers of Adults Cardiac Rehabilitation Service are noted in response to question 1 for Tees Valley ICB Place
6. Service specifications are shown in response to question 2.

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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