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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 4 April 2023 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 and response

In line with the Freedom of Information Act (2000), please name the organisation(s) that deliver(s) ASD (autism spectrum disorder) assessment / diagnoses in your ICB area for both adults and CYP (children and young people)?

- a. When did the contract(s) begin and when is the contract(s) due to end?
The NENC ICB commission autism services with the following
providers/locations:**

1. *Tees, Esk and Wear Valleys NHS Foundation Trust (TEWV FT), commissioned to deliver CYP and adult autism services across County Durham, Darlington and Teesside. These services have been in place for many years, however the current signed contract in place is dated from 1st April 2022 – 31st March 2023. A new contract is underway for signature to continue from 1st April 2023 – 31st March 2024, once ratification of system finances has concluded and the service continues to be delivered during this time.*
2. *Cumbria, Northumberland, Tyne & Wear NHS Foundation Trust (CNTW FT), commissioned to deliver CYP and adult autism services across Newcastle, Gateshead, North Tyneside, South Tyneside, Sunderland and North Cumbria. These services have been in place for many years, however the current signed contract in place is dated from 1st April 2022 – 31st March 2023. A new contract is underway for signature to continue from 1st April 2023 – 31st March 2024, once ratification of system finances has concluded and the service continues to be delivered during this time.*
3. *Psych UK Limited are currently commissioned by Newcastle and Gateshead to provide approximately 300 adult ASD assessments as part of a waiting list initiative. The current signed contract in place is dated 18th October 2021 to 31st March 2023. The contract is likely to be extended to enable Psych UK Ltd to complete the assessments for service users who have been referred to them.*

b. What is the annual spend for this service for 2022-23, and for the last 5 years?

1. *TEWV - In accordance with section 1 of the Act this information cannot be provided as it is not held by the ICB. It may be held by the provide who can be contacted via tewv.ftmembership@nhs.net*
2. *CNTW - In accordance with section 1 of the Act this information cannot be provided as it is not held by the ICB. It may be held by the provide who can be contacted via foi@ntw.nhs.uk*
3. *Psych UK Ltd – 262k*

c. How is the service contracted – is it Block, Activity-based, or AQP contracting?

1. *TEWV FT – Block contract*
2. *CNTW – Block contract*
3. *Psych UK Ltd – Block contract*

d. If the service is commissioned with other CCGs, ICSs or Trusts, which are these?

This FOI covers all services commissioned by the NENC ICB (please see answer to a). CCGs ceased to exist on 30th June 2022, replaced by the NENC ICB. No other ICBs are listed as associates on these contracts.

e. If any of the organisation(s) subcontracts any ASD Assessments. And if yes the names of those subcontractor organisations, and the numerical quantity of ASD Assessments undertaken by each subcontractor organisation?

1. TEWV FT – No.
2. CNTW – Yes. In accordance with section 1 of the Act this information cannot be provided as it is not held by the ICB. It may be held by the provide who can be contacted via foi@ntw.nhs.uk
3. Psych UK Ltd – No

f. A list of Right to Choose providers used and whether this is for adults, children & young people or both

In accordance with section 1 of the Act this information cannot be provided as it is not held by the ICB. It may be held by the providers listed in the answer to Q1

g. The number of ASD assessments undertaken by each Right to Choose provider including breakdown of adults and children & young people numbers?

In accordance with section 1 of the Act this information cannot be provided as it is not held by the ICB. It may be held by the providers listed in the answer to Q1

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:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
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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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