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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 Freedom of Information (FOI) request received by the North East and the North Cumbria Integrated Care Board (NENC ICB) on 30 January 2024 and subsequent clarification received on 28 February 2024.

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).

We have dealt with your request in accordance with your “right to know” under section 1(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (subsequently referred to as FOIA2000) which entitles you to be provided with information “held” by a public authority unless an appropriate exemption applies.

Details of Request and Response

Please can you give me:

- 1. A list of NHS eye care services commissioned in primary and community settings and who are the contracted provider(s) of those services.**

Optegra UK Ltd

- *Cataract Assessment*
- *Cataract Surgery*
- *YAG Laser (Posterior Capsule Opacification (PCO), Posterior Capsule Thickening (PCT)) to be done within one appointment*

SpaMedica

- Cataract Assessment
- Cataract Surgery
- YAG Laser (Posterior Capsule Opacification (PCO), Posterior Capsule Thickening (PCT))
to be done within one appointment
- Wet age-related macular degeneration
- Diabetic Macular Oedema (DMO)
- Retinal Vein Occlusion (RVO)
- Medical retina
- Hydroxychloroquine Monitoring (Tees Valley only)

Community Health and Eyecare Ltd

- Cataract Assessment
- Cataract Surgery
- YAG Laser (Posterior Capsule Opacification (PCO), Posterior Capsule Thickening (PCT))
to be done within one appointment.
- Endoscopy Services

Newmedical Systems Limited (T/A, Newmedica)

Tees Site

- Cataract Assessment
- Cataract Surgery
- YAG Laser (Posterior Capsule Opacification (PCO), Posterior Capsule Thickening (ICB))
to be done within one appointment
- Cataract post op
- Existing glaucoma
- Existing wet AMD
- Existing general

Newcastle Site

- Cataract Assessment
- Cataract Surgery

ACES

- Cataract Assessment
- Cataract Surgery

2. Confirmation of when any of these services are contracted until.

SpaMedica, Optegra, CHEC, NewMedica

31/03/2024

ACES

04/12/2026

I'm also interested in the use of electronic eye care referral systems. Please provide the information specified below:

3. Details of your contracted Optometry to Ophthalmology NHS electronic Referral Service (EeRS)

No contract

4. In reference to the contract, what date does this end?

No contract

5. Confirmation of when any of these services are contracted until.

No contract

6. Upon the end of contract, what are your intentions to continue /replace this service?

No contract

What are the commissioners' intentions to improve primary and community eye care service provision?

Commissioners regularly meet with providers and explore options to improve all services.

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 make a complaint or request a review of our decision, you should write to the Senior Information Governance Officer 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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Yours sincerely

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