

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 June 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

Please guide/advice the following information:

1. Who will be the clinical leads involved in wound care for the ICB?
2. Those previous CCGs and Trusts who merged with the ICB may have different wound care formularies. Which one will they use? Will they remain separate, amalgamate the formularies or will a new one be created?
3. Is there a date set to review an ICS wound care formulary – when will this be?
4. Who makes up the wound care formulary panel? Please include names and contact details to liaise regarding new wound care product discussions.
5. What are the ICB's aims with reference to the procurement of provisions for wound care and commission of wound care services?
6. What is the current date for the formulary review for wound care and how will this look ICB wide?
7. How would provisions and procurement of wound care products take place under the ICB; FP10 NHSSC, other?
8. How does an organisation apply to have their products considered for inclusion on the wound care formulary?

9. Where does wound care sit within the ICB's priorities?

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. Currently, clinical leads have not been appointed for the whole of NENC ICB for wound care.
2. At present, the separate wound care formularies remain in place. A plan to amalgamate formularies is likely in future but is not yet in place and no timelines are in place currently.
3. There is no date in place to review the formularies at this time. They will be managed locally for minor changes until a system is in place to develop an ICB wide formulary.
4. There is no panel because there is no plan or system currently in place.
5. No plans are currently under discussion. Current work is focusing on reviewing situations in place across all localities in NENC ICB.
6. Please refer to the response to question 3.
7. Please refer to the response to question 5.
8. As per the response to question 3, wound care formularies remain managed by local Tissue Viability Nurse teams.
9. Has yet to be decided but is not listed in the medicine optimisation strategy for 2024/25 as a high priority.

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
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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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