



North East and North Cumbria

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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 17/03/2023 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

Can you please provide me with the following information for the dressings purchased:

**Data for these suppliers: Amcare Limited and/or North West Ostomy Supplies
24 months of information by month up until December 2022**

- 1. Overall AP amount in value for the ICB**
- 2. Total AP amount by value by each delivery point including address by month**
- 3. Individual line values and volumes by each product code by each delivery point**

Response

Please be advised that some localities (referred to as 'place') within the NENC ICB do not hold the requested information. The reason why some places may hold the information whilst others do not is due to the integration between the disbanded Clinical Commissioning Groups and the inception of the Integrated Care Board from the 1st of July 2022, whereby integration is still taking place across the services and therefore, some localities have access to different data sets, containing differing levels of information.

County Durham:

1. Please see the embedded spreadsheet:



County Durham
Overview.xlsx

2. In accordance with section 1 of the Act this information cannot be provided as it is not held by the ICB.
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Newcastle & Gateshead:

1. Please see the embedded spreadsheet "NG Overview".



NG Overview.xlsx

2. Please see the embedded spreadsheet "NG Site Data". Please note that on the embedded excel document, some of the accounts held by the ICB in relation to delivery points in Column B are listed as names of individuals and have therefore been redacted from the document as this information constitutes personal data and is exempt under Freedom of Information Act 2000 Section 40(2) (Personal Information).



NG Site data.xlsx

3. NHS NENC ICB does hold this information. The ICB considers this information exempt from disclosure under *Freedom of Information Act 2000, Section 43(2) (Commercial Interests)*. Releasing this information would adversely affect the commercial interests of the ICB.

Section 43(2) is a prejudice based 'qualified' exemption and is subject to the public interest test. This means that not only does the information have to prejudice one of the purposes listed, but before the information can be withheld, the public interest in preventing that prejudice must outweigh the public interest in disclosure.

Public Interest Test

Considerations in favour of disclosure:

- Encourage and instil trust and confidence.
- Transparency of functions; procurement and services to NHS.
- Encourage and promote good competition and value for money.

Considerations not in favour of disclosure:

- Could affect providers commercial interests and damage existing and future business prospects.
- Disclosing this information could weaken the ICB's position as potential companies would not have confidence that the ICB would keep sensitive financial data private.
- Convatec/Amcare has been consulted and have confirmed that they believe disclosure would harm their commercial interests.
- Disclosure of this information into the public domain would put Convatec/Amcare commercial interests at risk as it would enable competitors to align their structures or even undercut Convatec/Amcare structures.
- Disclosing this information may cause more economically efficient providers to raise prices.

Northumberland:

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 Northumbria Healthcare NHS FT. Therefore, we suggest you redirect your request to them. They can be contacted at the following email address: foi@northumbria.nhs.uk

North Cumbria:

1. Nil return. No information held by North Cumbria place within NENC ICB. As the two suppliers named in the request are not used.
2. As above.
3. As above.

North Tyneside:

1. Nil return. No information held by North Tyneside place within NENC ICB. As the two suppliers named in the request are not used.
2. As above.
3. As above.

South Tyneside:

1. South Tyneside Place do not purchase products from Amcare however they do purchase products from North West Ostomy Supplies. This is provided in the embedded PDF's. Please see the following embedded spreadsheet:



S Tyne Overview.xlsx

2. In accordance with section 1 of the Act this information cannot be provided as it is not held by the ICB. In the interest of openness and transparency NENC ICB has included the breakdown of product type and clinical areas within the embedded PDF's.



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3. In accordance with section 1 of the Act this information cannot be provided as it is not held by the ICB.

Sunderland:

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 South Tyneside and Sunderland NHS Foundation Trust. Therefore, we suggest you redirect your request to them. They can be contacted at the following email address: Stsft.freedomofinformation@nhs.net

Tees Valley:

1. Please see following embedded spreadsheet:



TV Overview.xlsx

2. In accordance with section 1 of the Act this information cannot be provided as it is not held by the ICB.
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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
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

www.ico.gov.uk

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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Information Governance Officer