

Our Reference North East and North Cumbria ICB\  
FOI ICB 24-067

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By Email

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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 10 May 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**

We have previously requested for this information and received a response (FOI ICB 717). Can you kindly update us again regarding the status of any further applications or ongoing applications.

Under the Freedom of Information Act, I, would like to request the following information:

- If there are any ongoing or recently rejected new pharmacy contract applications including distance selling and online pharmacies that have been applied for in the Darlington area, Stockton on Tees, and more specifically the village of Middleton St George and surrounding villages.

I would like you to provide this information in the following format:

- By reply to this email

Please do not hesitate to contact me via this email address should any aspect of my request require clarification.

## Our Response

We can confirm, as per Section 1(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, the ICB does hold the information requested.

The previous position for the unforeseen benefits application at Elm Tree Centre was that it was under appeal. The Litigation Authority have now determined the appeal and granted the application, therefore the status for this one changes as below;

*Application type: Community Pharmacy Application – Unforeseen Benefits*

*Address of proposed premises: Elm Tree Centre, Elm Tree Avenue, Stockton on Tees, TS19 0UW*

*Status: Grant of consent in place until 28/02/2025.*

There is no change with the other application that has a grant of consent until 27/10/2024.

*Application Type: Distance Selling Pharmacy Application*

*Address of Proposed Premises: Pharmacy Unit, Firth Moor Community Centre, 56 Burnside Road, Darlington, DL1 4SU*

*Status: Grant of consent in place until 27/10/2024*

There are no new applications under consideration.

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  
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SK9 5AF

[www.ico.org.uk](http://www.ico.org.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](http://www.legislation.gov.uk) . This will not affect your initial information request.

Yours sincerely

*S Davies*

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