

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 22 August 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

Under the Freedom of Information Act, I would like to request the following information in the template below. This information is required within 20 working days.

1. Please can the ICB confirm whether they currently commission Tier 3 weight management services?
2. If the ICB does currently commission Tier 3 weight management services, please can the ICB confirm how these are currently commissioned, e.g. as standalone service(s), or as services which are integrated within a wider service offer?
3. If the ICB does not currently commission Tier 3 weight management services please can the ICB confirm why this is the case, and clarify if they have any plans to commission Tier 3 weight management services in the future?
4. If the ICB does commission Tier 3 weight management services please can they confirm the expiry date of any current weight management contract(s), and if there are any outstanding optional extensions associated with the current contract(s)?
5. If the ICB does commission Tier 3 weight management services, please can they confirm the incumbent provider(s) of any service(s)?

6. If the ICB does commission Tier 3 weight management services, please could they provide an overview of spend on weight management services for the last 5 financial years, broken down by distinct contract(s)?

Please contact me if you need me to clarify my request via this email.

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. 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. However, this is available within the NENC ICB publication scheme which can be accessed on the ICB website: [Publications scheme | North East and North Cumbria NHS \(northeastnorthcumbria.nhs.uk\)](https://northeastnorthcumbria.nhs.uk/publications-scheme) or please refer to our previous related request, our ref: FOI ICB 24-079 from the NENC ICB FOI Disclosure Log at: [foi-icb-24-079-response-letter.pdf \(northeastnorthcumbria.nhs.uk\)](https://northeastnorthcumbria.nhs.uk/foi-icb-24-079-response-letter.pdf)

In accordance with s.21 of the FOIA, we are not required to provide information in response to a request if it is reasonably accessible to you by other means.

2. The current Tier 3 services are commissioned as standalone services.
3. Please refer to the response to question 1.
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5. Please refer to the response to question 1.
6. Due to COVID, expenditure for this service is part of a block contract/payment across the years with all providers. In some cases, the total value is not disaggregated and no specific service line is available. The ICB has stated 'n/a' for these cases in the table.

The ICB does hold the following information for Tier 3 Weight Management (see indicative values below), but this is **incomplete and subject to change** for each year.

Provider	2019/20 (£)	2020/21 (£)	2021/22 (£)	2022/23 (£)	2023/24 (£)
County Durham & Darlington NHS FT	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Newcastle upon Tyne Hospitals NHS FT	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	185,000
North Cumbria Integrated Care NHS FT	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	125,000
Northumbria Healthcare NHS FT	n/a	n/a	n/a	80,000	268,280
South Tyneside & Sunderland NHS FT	436,385	442,494	456,875	473,323	492,729
South Tees Hospitals NHS FT	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	500,000

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
SK9 5AF

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 . This will not affect your initial information request.

Yours faithfully

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