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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 26 September 2022 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

I am writing with a Freedom of Information request regarding the pricing and volume of outsourcing service-line agreements in ophthalmology.

Please can you provide the total spend and volumes for your organisation towards outsourcing the following ophthalmology procedure groups (see below) for the past 5 financial years (FY2016-17, FY2017-18, FY2018-19, FY2019-20, FY2020-21):

- **Cataract surgery**
- **AMD – eye injections**
- **AMD - photodynamic therapy**

- LASIK
- SMILE
- Surface laser treatments (PRK, LASEK and TransPRK)

If there are sub-categorisations within these procedure groups or categorisations different to those provided, please provide the total price and volumes for them as well.

Additionally, can you please provide the outsourcing volumes split by ophthalmology provider to which your organisation currently outsources ophthalmology procedures to? If such a granular data breakdown is not available, can you please simply list the ophthalmology groups to which your organisation outsources to?

Response

In accordance with section 1 of the Act this information cannot be provided as it is not held by the CCG. It will be held by the providers, the local NHS Foundations, that can be contacted via the following details

County Durham & Darlington NHS Foundation Trust – cdda-tr.cddffoi@nhs.net

Tees, Esk & Wear Valley NHS Trust – tewv.ftmembership@nhs.net

South Tees Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust – foi@stees.nhs.uk

Northumbria Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust – foi@northumbria.nhs.uk

Gateshead Health NHS Foundation Trust – ghnt.foi.enquiries@nhs.net

Newcastle Upon Tyne Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust –

nuth.freedom.information@nhs.net

Cumbria, Northumberland, Tyne & Wear NHS Foundation Trust – foi@ntw.nhs.uk

South Tyneside and Sunderland NHS Foundation Trust –

Stsft.freedomofinformation@nhs.net

North Cumbria Integrated Care Foundation Trust – FOIRequests@ncic.nhs.uk

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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