



North East and North Cumbria

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Dear

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 8 August 2023 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

This is an FOI request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Please provide the following information you have pertaining to prosthetic and orthotic services.

1. Which organisations currently provide prosthetic and orthotic services to the ICB (or to previous CCGs areas)? If multiple providers are used, please specify which area (or previous CCG area) and services each provider covers.
2. What is the ICB's (or previous CCG areas) total annual spend for the following years on:
 - a. prosthetics (products and services)
 - b. orthotics (products and services)
 - c. if this is not possible, please provide total spend on prosthetics and orthotics (products and services)

Note: if data is not available for all years or requested detail, please provide data that is available.

(If not relevant please state N/A)	2019 (year ending 31-Mar)	2020 (year ending 31-Mar)	2021 (year ending 31-Mar)	2022 (year ending 31-Mar)	2023 (year ending 31-Mar)
Prosthetics (products and services)					
Orthotics (products and services)					
Prosthetics and orthotics (products and services)					

3. Could you provide a breakdown of annual spend for the following years for:

- a. prosthetic services
- b. prosthetic products
- c. orthotic products
- d. orthotic services

Note: if data is not available for all years or requested detail, please provide data that is available.

(If not relevant please state N/A)	2019 (year ending 31-Mar)	2020 (year ending 31-Mar)	2021 (year ending 31-Mar)	2022 (year ending 31-Mar)	2023 (year ending 31-Mar)
Prosthetics products					
Prosthetics services					
Orthotics products					
Orthotics services					

4. Within the ICB (or previous CCG areas), when did current prosthetic and / or orthotic contract(s) start and what is the contract end date? Please include any information on contract extension.

5. Does the ICB currently have plans to use a single provider for prosthetic and / or orthotic services across the entirety of the ICB?

Note: If any of the above questions result in a greater administrative burden or cost of research, then we are happy for you to respond to those questions at a later date, and initially reply with response for the rest of the questions.

Our Response

This response covers all areas within North East and North Cumbria ICB.

1. Prosthetics services are provided by:
 - North Cumbria Integrated Care NHS FT
 - The Newcastle upon Tyne Hospitals NHS FT
 - South Tees Hospitals NHS FT

Orthotics services are provided by:

- North Cumbria Integrated Care NHS FT
 - Northumbria Healthcare NHS FT
 - The Newcastle upon Tyne Hospitals NHS FT
 - Gateshead Health NHS FT
 - South Tyneside and Sunderland NHS FT
 - County Durham and Darlington NHS FT
 - North Tees and Hartlepool NHS FT
 - South Tees Hospitals NHS FT
2. The data requested that is held by NENC ICB is on the 'Response Data' spreadsheet attached. The values provided are based on current information available and may be incomplete.

In addition, NENC ICB does not hold all the information you requested. You may wish to redirect your query to the acute trusts listed below, as per the notes in the spreadsheet. All NENC acute hospital FTs are listed below, for information.

NENC Acute Hospital FTs	Email
County Durham & Darlington NHS FT	cdda-tr.cddftfoi@nhs.net
Gateshead Health NHS FT	ghnt.foi.enquiries@nhs.net
North Cumbria Integrated Care NHS FT	foirequests@ncic.nhs.uk
North Tees & Hartlepool NHS FT	foi@nth.nhs.uk
Northumbria Healthcare NHS FT	foi@northumbria.nhs.uk
South Tees Hospitals NHS FT	foi@stees.nhs.uk
South Tyneside and Sunderland NHS FT	stsft.freedomofinformation@nhs.net
The Newcastle Upon Tyne Hospitals NHS FT	nuth.freedom.information@nhs.net

3. Please refer to question 2 responses.
4. All providers listed below have contracts that run from 1st April 2023 – 31st March 2024 without any contract extensions. Orthotics and Prosthetics (for the three that deliver this) are included as part of the larger main acute services contracts rather than standalone contracts.
- North Cumbria Integrated Care NHS FT
 - Northumbria Healthcare NHS FT
 - The Newcastle upon Tyne Hospitals NHS FT
 - Gateshead Health NHS FT
 - South Tyneside and Sunderland NHS FT
 - County Durham and Darlington NHS FT
 - North Tees and Hartlepool NHS FT
 - South Tees Hospitals NHS FT
5. The ICB does not have plans to use a single provider for prosthetic and/or orthotic services across the entirety of the ICB at this time.

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.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 sincerely

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