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## **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 09 November 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).

### **Your Request and Our Response**

**Q1:** Does NHS North East and North Cumbria ICB and its local authorities that are part of NHS North East and North Cumbria ICS have an agreed Dementia Strategy (10-year plan) for its Mental Health commissioning priorities?

*No*

**Q2:** If yes or partial in Q1, does this strategy include the commissioning of diagnostic pathways for Dementia conditions?

*N/A*

**Q3:** If yes or partial in Q1, does the strategy pertain to adults (65+) only, or is the strategy all-age?

*N/A*

**Q4:** Does NHS North East and North Cumbria ICB have or intend to operate with a Lead Provider Model for the commissioning of its services (including diagnostic & treatment pathways) for Dementia conditions?

*Not at this time*

**Q5:** If yes to Q4, what is the timeline for the implementation of a Lead Provider Model if it is not already in place?

N/A

**Q6:** Does NHS North East and North Cumbria ICB and NHS North East and North Cumbria ICS have a Dementia Mental Health Provider Collaborative that oversees and/or advises on the clinical quality of the diagnosis of Dementia conditions?

No

**Q7:** If yes to Q6, does this provider collaborative address outpatient community services?

N/A

**Q8:** If yes to Q6, which organisations are involved?

N/A

**Q9:** Within NHS North East and North Cumbria ICB, or NHS North East and North Cumbria ICS, or the Lead Provider of Dementia diagnostic services (if applicable), is there a Dementia Programme (system) Lead and/or Clinical Lead for Dementia conditions? What is their title?

*No – the ICB has clinical leads of which dementia would be an area in their responsibilities.*

**Q10:** Does NHS North East and North Cumbria ICB and its local authorities that are part of NHS North East and North Cumbria ICS pool or align finances for the commissioning of its Dementia services (for example under Section 75, or Better Care Fund)?

*Not known.*

**Q11:** If no to Q10, do they intend to do so in the future?

N/A

**Q12:** Does NHS North East and North Cumbria ICB and its local authorities that are part of NHS North East and North Cumbria ICS commission either directly or indirectly through sub-contract arrangements independent providers for elements of their Dementia Diagnostic Pathways?

No.

**Q13:** If yes to Q12, is this part of a waiting lists initiative to clear backlogs, or as part of partnership collaborative commissioning across local NHS Trusts & or independent providers?

N/A.

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.

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The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

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Yours sincerely

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