



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 20 April 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.

Please find the information you requested on behalf of the ICB as follows.

Your Request

I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, to submit a request from the Community Rehabilitation Alliance Localism Task Group* (England). We would like to request the following information from North East and North Cumbria ICB.

Please can you provide me with answers to the following questions:

1. Do you have an employee with overall responsibility for rehabilitation within your ICS working at director level?
2. If you do have an employee with overall responsibility for rehabilitation within your ICS working at director level, what is their job title?
3. If you do have an employee with overall responsibility for rehabilitation within your ICS working at director level, what is their name?
4. If you do not have an employee with overall responsibility for rehabilitation within your ICS working at director level, are you currently recruiting for someone to take on this area of work?
5. If you are currently recruiting for someone to take overall responsibility for rehabilitation within your ICS working at director level, by when do you intend to have someone in post?

For the purposes of clarity, by rehabilitation, we mean the wrap-around treatment and advice provided to patients leaving hospital to enable them to rehabilitate, delivered by

multidisciplinary teams in a range of settings including acute, secondary and community care services.

*The Localism Task Group includes The Chartered Society of Physiotherapy, British Heart Foundation, MS Society, London College of Speech & Language Therapy, National Care Forum, Stroke Association, Alzheimer's Society, Queens Nursing Institute, Arthritis and Musculoskeletal Alliance (ARMA), Age UK, Asthma & Lung UK & Parkinson's UK. This is part of the wider Community Rehabilitation Alliance in England Community Rehabilitation Alliance and is made up of more than 50 health charities and professional bodies dedicated to transforming rehabilitation and recovery in the community.

Please provide the requested information in the form of an electronic Microsoft Excel sheet.

Our Response

Rehabilitation, as defined within your FOI, is not the sole responsibility of one director within the North East and North Cumbria Integrated Care Board (ICB). Improving rehab pathways requires coordination and leadership from across a number of directorates within the Integrated Care Board and more importantly coordination across various service providers within the Integrated Care System.

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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