



North East and North Cumbria

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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 21 December 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.

Your Request

I would like to request the following information:

1. How many agencies are used to supply Locum agency doctors?
2. Of these agencies, how many are off framework?
3. What is your highest capped commission rates for each grade?

4. When is your PSL up for renewal?
5. Which Framework does your organisation use for Locum Doctors?
6. How many Locum Bookings are paid over the framework or capped rates at your organisation in the last 12 months?
7. Please confirm what percentage of bookings over the last 6 months have been within the NHSI agency caps (an approximation based on NHSI data submissions is fine)
8. Please confirm which provider manages your direct engagement process, the fee for the service and the date on which this contract expires
9. Is your bank managed by an external bank provider (e.g., NHS Professionals, Bank Partners) or in-house? Please confirm who is the external bank provider and when the contract expires if relevant
10. Please confirm what percentage of bookings are processed with a VAT savings by your direct engagement (DE) provider
11. Please confirm % of locums working non-Direct Engagement and % outside IR35
12. What is the grade & speciality of all locums paid outside IR35?
13. Please confirm which services in the hospital are currently utilising insourcing contacts, who is supplying the insourcing service and when the contract is up for renewal.
14. Does your organisation utilise a payment portal to process Locum Doctors Pay?
15. What grade & speciality is your highest paid Locum agency doctor, what is their speciality and their hourly charge?
16. What grade & speciality is your highest paid bank doctor, what is their speciality and their hourly charge?
17. Please outline you spend per agency, broken down by grade and speciality of doctor over the past 12 months?
18. Please outline spend per doctors' specialty, broken down by grade and speciality of doctor over the past 12 months from your internal Bank?

19. What grade & speciality is your highest paid Locum agency doctor, what is their speciality and their hourly charge?

20. Please confirm the name, job title and email of the head of department & manager for the following services:

- General Surgery
- Urology Service
- Trauma and Orthopaedic Service
- Ear, Nose and Throat Service
- Ophthalmology Service
- Neurology Service
- Cardiology Service
- Cancer Services
- Endocrinology Service
- Respiratory Medicine
- Dermatology Service
- Gastroenterology
- Acute Medicine
- Geriatrics
- Stroke Medicine
- Palliative Care
- Radiology
- Anaesthetics
- Maxillofacial Surgery
- Pathology Services

Our Response

NHS North East and North Cumbria Integrated Care Board (ICB) is not a provider of healthcare services and therefore doesn't employ locum/agency doctors. The information requested will be held by individual NHS providers. We suggest that you contact the Foundation Trusts which are:

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

North Tees & Hartlepool NHS Foundation Trust – foi@nth.nhs.uk

South Tyneside and Sunderland NHS Foundation Trust –

Ststf.freedomofinformation@nhs.net

North Cumbria Integrated Care Foundation NHS 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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