



# North East and North Cumbria

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Applicant  
By Email

Dear Applicant

## **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 03/01/2024 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**

**Patient Choice, Provider Selection Regime (PSR), Standing Rules**  
**Please provide the following information:**

- 1. The ICB's arrangements to enable providers to express an interest in providing services subject to Patient Choice and PSR Direct Award Process B**
- 2. The ICB's accreditation process for providers of services subject to Patient Choice and PSR Direct Award Process B**
- 3. The name of the person responsible for Patient Choice at the ICB**

## Our Response

1. *The Patient Choice Accreditation process for North East North Cumbria ICB has been in place prior to the implementation of the Provider Selection Regime (PSR implemented on 1st January 2024), however this fits well under Direct Award Process B regarding the new health service public procurement regulations. Providers can express an interest via the Atamis system: <https://health-family.force.com/s/Welcome>*

*Once registered, providers can search under project for: Patient Choice Accreditation - North East and North Cumbria ICB'.*

*This will also enable relevant preliminary checks to be undertaken before any provider moves to the next stage which involves more detailed checks as per the standard operating procedure provided in response to question 2.*

2. *Please see attachment.*

3. *Jacqueline Myers, Executive Chief of Strategy and Operations*

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  
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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](http://www.legislation.gov.uk) . This will not affect your initial information request.

Yours sincerely

*Ehren Smith*

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**Information Governance Officer**