



# North East and North Cumbria

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By Email

## **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 14<sup>th</sup> October 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.

### **Request**

- 1. Has North East and North Cumbria implemented the *NICE guidelines [NG206] on Myalgic Encephalomyelitis/Chronic Fatigue Syndrome: diagnosis and management*, which were published on 29 October 2021?**

**If the NICE guidelines [NG206] on the diagnosis and management of ME/CFS have not been implemented, what is the intended timetable and deadline for implementation?**

- 2. How many patients with a diagnosis of ME/CFS are receiving care from North East and North Cumbria as of the date of this FOI request?**

3. **Of those receiving care for ME/CFS from North East and North Cumbria, how many have a personalised care and support plan in place as of the date of this FOI request?**
4. **What training has been provided by North East and North Cumbria for healthcare professionals on the implementation of the *NICE guidelines [NG206] on diagnosis and management of ME/CFS since 29 October 2021?***
5. **What written information is being provided to health professionals and patients on websites in line with the recommendations on diagnosis and management in the NICE guidelines [NG206].**

Response

*North East and North Cumbria ICB do not hold this information. You may wish to redirect this to NHS England who may hold this information: [england.contactus@nhs.net](mailto:england.contactus@nhs.net)*

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:

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Yours sincerely

