



North East and North Cumbria

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Freedom of Information Act 2000 - Request for Information – NHS North East & North Cumbria Integrated Care Board (ICB)

Thank you for your request received by North of England Commissioning Support (NECS) on 10 November 2022 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.

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.

Details of Request

I am writing with a Freedom of Information request regarding the provision of virtual ward care within your ICS. We would like to get the following data on the contracts your ICB has with independent providers:

- **Do you use virtual wards in your trusts? (Y/N)**
- **If you are not currently using virtual wards, are you planning on using them in the future?**
- **How many virtual ward beds do you have?**
- **Can you please specify how many virtual wards you have by speciality (respiratory care, cardiology care, diabetes care, stroke care, renal care, pre/post operative care services, other)?**
- **How many patients have been admitted in virtual wards in 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, and 2022?**
- **Which virtual ward software providers do you work with?**
- **Do you have the values and durations of the contracts with the virtual ward software providers for 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022?**

Reply

NHS North East and North Cumbria (ICB) are not the holders of this information, you will need to redirect your request to the hospital trusts: -

Local Foundation Trusts

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 –

Stsft.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

Hilary Murphy

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