



# 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 12 April 2023 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**

Under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) and in relation to disabled children's occupational therapy (OT) services provided in your area (North Tyneside), I would be grateful if you could provide the following information to us:

For the following two periods:

- 1st April 2021 to 31st March 2022 and
- 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023

1) What was the average timeframe from referral of a disabled child to the Occupational Therapy service to the comprehensive assessment of their needs by an Occupational Therapist?

From the date of receipt of this request:

2) How many disabled children are currently waiting for an assessment?

3) After being referred, what is the longest waiting time that a disabled child is currently waiting for an assessment?

### **Our Response**

*NHS North East and North Cumbria Integrated Care Board (NENC ICB) does not hold the requested information. You will need to contact the Foundation Trusts who are the providers of the service. These are:*

<b>NENC Acute Hospital FTs</b>	<b>Email</b>
<i>County Durham &amp; Darlington NHS FT</i>	<i>cdda-tr.cddftfoi@nhs.net</i>
<i>Gateshead Health NHS FT</i>	<i>ghnt.foi.enquiries@nhs.net</i>
<i>North Cumbria Integrated Care NHS FT</i>	<i>FOIRequests@ncic.nhs.uk</i>
<i>North Tees &amp; Hartlepool NHS FT</i>	<i>foi@nth.nhs.uk</i>
<i>Northumbria Healthcare NHS FT</i>	<i>foi@northumbria.nhs.uk</i>
<i>South Tees Hospitals NHS FT</i>	<i>foi@stees.nhs.uk</i>
<i>South Tyneside and Sunderland NHS FT</i>	<i>stsft.freedomofinformation@nhs.net</i>
<i>The Newcastle Upon Tyne Hospitals NHS FT</i>	<i>nuth.freedom.information@nhs.net</i>

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

Yours sincerely

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