

Our Reference North East and North Cumbria ICB\
FOI ICB 24-046

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By Email

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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 23 April 2023 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

I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) to request information relating to the provision of ADHD (attention deficit hyperactivity disorder) services by NHS North East and North Cumbria ICB.

1. Please name the organisation(s) that deliver(s) CYP (children and young people) ADHD assessment / diagnoses in your ICB area.
2. Please name the organisation(s) that deliver(s) Adult ADHD assessment / diagnoses in your ICB area.
3. When did the contract(s) begin and when is the contract(s) due to end.
4. What is the annual spend for this service for 2024, and for the last 5 years?
5. How is the service contracted – is it Block, Activity-based, or AQP contracting?
6. If the service is commissioned with other CCGs, ICSs or Trusts, which are these?
7. At what prevalence (% of the population) have the contracts been commissioned against?
8. Please outline the ADHD pathways in your area, including key referral sources.
9. How many children and young people are currently waiting for a CYP ADHD assessment in your area? What is the longest and median wait time from a referral?

10. How many Adults are currently waiting for a ADHD assessment in your area? What is the longest and median wait time from a referral?
11. Within the last year, how many children and young people were assessed for ADHD within 12 weeks of referral?
12. Within the last year, how many Adults were assessed for ADHD within 12 weeks of referral?
13. Within the last year, how many children and young people were discharged without assessment?
14. Within the last year, how many Adults were discharged without assessment?
15. For the last 5 years, please give the number of patients per year (both adult and CYP respectively) in the ICB who were:
 - a. Referred for ADHD assessment.
 - b. Given an ADHD assessment.
 - c. Given an ADHD assessment from a 'Right to Choose' provider, outside the service contracted.
 - d. Diagnosed with ADHD.
16. For the last 5 years, what was the average number of ADHD-qualified staff delivering services in the area?
 - a. How does this split by role:
 - i. Qualified psychiatrists
 - ii. Paediatricians
 - iii. Speech and Language therapists
 - iv. Clinical Psychologists
 - v. For i-iv, please also give numbers of trainees.

Our Response

We can confirm, as per Section 1(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, the ICB holds some of the information you have requested. However, this is available within the NENC ICB publication scheme which can be accessed on the ICB website: [Publications scheme | North East and North Cumbria NHS \(northeastnorthcumbria.nhs.uk\)](#) or please refer to our previous related request, our ref: FOI ICB604 from the NENC ICB FOI Disclosure Log at: <https://northeastnorthcumbria.nhs.uk/>

In accordance with s.21 of the FOIA, we are not required to provide information in response to a request if it is reasonably accessible to you by other means.

The North East and North Cumbria Integrated Care Board (NENC ICB) does not hold the records which you have sought for questions 10-16. However, we have determined the records are held by Acute and Mental Health Hospital NHS Foundation Trusts within the North East and North Cumbria region.

In accordance with our duty under s.16 of the FOIA to provide reasonable advice and assistance to an individual requesting information, we have provided the FOI email addresses for those hospitals to make your request.

NENC Acute Hospital FTs	Email
County Durham & Darlington NHS FT	cdda-tr.cddftfoi@nhs.net
Gateshead Health NHS FT	ghnt.foi.enquiries@nhs.net
North Cumbria Integrated Care NHS FT	foirequest@cumbria.nhs.uk
North Tees & Hartlepool NHS FT	foi@nth.nhs.uk
Northumbria Healthcare NHS FT	foi@northumbria.nhs.uk
South Tees Hospitals NHS FT	foi@stees.nhs.uk

South Tyneside and Sunderland NHS FT	stsft.freedomofinformation@nhs.net
The Newcastle Upon Tyne Hospitals NHS FT	nuth.freedom.information@nhs.net

NENC Mental Health Hospital FTs	Email
Cumbria, Northumberland, Tyne & Wear NHS FT	foi@cntw.nhs.uk
Tees, Esk & Wear Valley NHS FT	tewv.foi@nhs.net

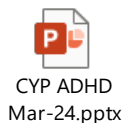
Cumbria, Northumberland, Tyne & Wear NHS FT (CNTW) is the Mental Health trust provider for Gateshead, Newcastle, North Cumbria, North Tyneside, Northumberland, South Tyneside and Sunderland ICB places.

Tees, Esk & Wear Valley NHS FT (TEWV) is the Mental Health trust provider for County Durham and Tees Valley ICB places.

The detail below provides information held and not previously disclosed, by ICB place.

County Durham and Tees Valley places

1. See response above – previously responded to and available on the ICB website.
2. Please refer to the response to question 1.
3. Please refer to the response to question 1.
4. Please refer to the response to question 1.
5. Annual spend is part of a Durham and Tees Valley block contract with TEWV and is not broken down to this level.
6. Please refer to the response to question 1.
7. This information is not currently held by the ICB at place level. Please see the attached link, published March 2024 suggesting next steps to improve national data reporting on ADHD [NHS England » Attention deficit hyperactivity disorder \(ADHD\) Programme update](#)
8. See ICB response above. NENC ICB does not hold this information for question 8 in County Durham and Tees Valley places. Please redirect your query to TEWV.
9. Please find attached latest waiting times for County Durham and Tees Valley CYP:



10. NENC ICB does not hold this information for questions 10-16, please redirect your query to TEWV.

Gateshead, Newcastle, North Tyneside, Northumberland, South Tyneside and Sunderland places

1. See response above – previously responded to and available on the ICB website.
2. Please refer to the response to question 1.
3. Please see detail below:
CNTW: A new contract is underway for signature to continue from 1st April 2024 – 31st March 2025, once ratification of system finances has concluded and the service continues to be delivered during this time. The contract covers Newcastle, Gateshead, North Tyneside, Northumberland, South Tyneside and Sunderland.
Psych UK Limited: Newcastle and Gateshead, 01/10/24 – 31/03/25
4. Please refer to the response to question 1.
5. CNTW: Block contract. Psych UK Limited: Newcastle and Gateshead – Block/Activity
6. Included in question 3 response.

7. This information is not currently held by the ICB at place level. Please see the attached link, published March 2024 suggesting next steps to improve national data reporting on ADHD [NHS England » Attention deficit hyperactivity disorder \(ADHD\) Programme update](#)
8. See ICB response above. NENC ICB does not hold this information for question 8 for CNTW. Please redirect your query to CNTW. For Psych UK:
Psych UK, Newcastle and Gateshead – this is a Waiting List Initiative. Patients from the CNTW waiting list were transferred to Psych-UK for assessment, diagnosis and, where appropriate, titration. Pathways before the transfer will be as CNTW. Once patients receive a diagnosis, they are either discharged by Psych-UK or referred back to CNTW to continue on their pathways.
Psych UK, North Cumbria – will need to be answered by the Commissioner or Psych-UK
9. NENC ICB does not hold this information for question 9, please redirect your query to CNTW.
10. NENC ICB does not hold this information for questions 10-16, please redirect your query to CNTW and Psych UK.

North Cumbria place

1. See response above – previously responded to and available on the ICB website.
2. Psychiatry UK for North Cumbria adults.
3. Annual contract, April 2023.
4. Annual spend for North Cumbria was £907,279 in 2022/23.
5. This is an activity-based contract.
6. The service was not commissioned with other CCGs, ICSs or Trusts.
7. The ICB at North Cumbria place does not hold this information.
8. ADHD pathways are through GP referral only
9. Please redirect your query to CNTW, who are the provider for CYP.
10. Currently, there are 561 patients waiting for an assessment. The average wait time is 103 days from referral to assessment.
11. Please redirect your query to CNTW, who are the provider for CYP.
12. 647 Patients have been assessed for ADHD within 12 weeks from referral in the past year.
13. Please redirect your query to CNTW, who are the provider for CYP.
14. This information is not held by NENC ICB in North Cumbria place.
15. Information relating to CYP is not held by NENC ICB at North Cumbria place. For adults, in the last 5 years:
 - a. 4348 adults patients referred for ADHD
 - b. 3169 adult patients have currently been seen for an ADHD assessment
 - c. This information is not held by NENC ICB in North Cumbria place.
 - d. 2310 adults have been diagnosed with ADHD.
16. This information is not held by NENC ICB in North Cumbria place.

In accordance 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 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 review, you do have the right of complaint to the Information Commissioner as established by section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. 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.org.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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