



North East and North Cumbria

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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 22 December 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 the following information:

1. In relation to the Boots the Chemist pharmacies at the following addresses:

Boots Pharmacy at Heaton
293-295 Chillingham Road
Heaton
Newcastle Upon Tyne
Tyne and Wear
NE6 5LL

Boots Pharmacy at Cruddas Park
Unit 10 Cruddas Park
Westmorland Road
Newcastle Upon Tyne

Tyne and Wear
NE4 7QY

Boots Pharmacy at Kenton
41 Halewood Avenue
Newcastle Upon Tyne
Tyne and Wear
NE3 3RX

Please provide copies of the Notices of Closure and/ or dates of closures of these branches.

2. Please provide details of any applications made for inclusion in the pharmaceutical list under the NHS (Pharmaceutical and Local Pharmaceutical Services) Regulations 2013 at, or in the vicinity of the above locations.
3. Please let us have any minutes/ documents or other information indicating any planned date for a supplementary statement to the 2022 Newcastle Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should any aspect of my request require clarification.

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.

1. In relation to the Boots the Chemist pharmacies at the stated addresses, dates of closure are:

Boots Pharmacy at Heaton – date of closure will be 23/03/2024.

Boots Pharmacy at Cruddas Park – date of closure will be 02/03/2024.

Boots Pharmacy at Kenton – date of closure will be 16/03/2024.

2. There are four current applications for Newcastle – these are all within the NE6 postcode area. The details are:

Type of application	Existing Address for relocation (or site 2 – the closing site – of a consolidation application)	Proposed Address where applicable – or site 1 the remaining address of a consolidation application	Date application received
Relocation	11 Church Walk, Newcastle upon Tyne. NE6 3DP	Walker Medical Group, Church Walk, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE6 3BS	07/07/2022
Relocation	31 Heaton Rd, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE6 1SA	15 Heaton Road, Heaton, Newcastle Upon Tyne, NE6 1SA	07/06/2023
Relocation	11 Church Walk, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE6 3DP	Walker Medical Group, Church Walk, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE6 3BS	01/12/2023
Unforeseen Benefits	Shops on Chillingham Road, NE6, between Simonside Terrace and Farnley Road		13/12/2023

3. The North East and North Cumbria Integrated Care Board (NENC ICB) does not hold the records which you have sought for question 3. However, we have determined the records are held by Newcastle City Council's Health and Wellbeing Board, 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, the Newcastle City Council's Freedom of Information email address is freedomofinformation@newcastle.gov.uk for you to make your request to them.

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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Information Governance Officer