



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 15 October 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 should like to request the following information about the commissioned provision of school nurses in Hartlepool, Middlesbrough and Northumberland which falls within the geographical remit of your organisation. I would like to know this information to understand better the support that is available to people aged under 18 who are experiencing emotional distress and/or at risk of suicide.

Specifically, I would like to know:

- **The number of school nurses that are employed**
- **The number of full time equivalent posts the school nurses employed equates to**
- **The type of support school nurses provide to people under the age of 18 who are experiencing emotional distress or suicidal thoughts/feelings**

- What channels school nurses use to have contact with people aged under 18, e.g. telephone, text, Whatsapp, email, face to face
- Any structured educational or awareness raising activities that school nurses undertake with people under the age of 18 in relation to mental health or emotional/psychological wellbeing
- Any structure suicide prevention work that school nurses undertake with people under the age of 18
- If there are any school nurses who have a specific remit covering:
 1. mental health
 2. suicide prevention, and/or
 3. support for people under 18 who are experiencing suicidal thoughts/behaviours
- If available, the number of people under 18 that have received support for:
 1. mental health problems
 2. emotional distress, and/or
 3. suicidal thoughts/feelings from a school nurse in the most recent reporting period (quarter or year)
- If available, the number of people under 18 who were provided with crisis support from a school nurse in the most recent reporting period (quarter or year)

For each school nurse in Hartlepool, Middlesbrough and Northumberland I would also like to request a copy of their:

- Safeguarding policy
- Confidentiality policy
- Policy statement in relation to capacity, decision making and choice

Response

Tees Valley Sub ICB which covers Hartlepool and Middlesbrough and Northumberland Sub ICB are not the holders of this information. You will need to redirect your request to the relevant Local Authorities: -

*Hartlepool Borough Council - Freedomofinformation@hartlepool.gov.uk
 Middlesbrough Borough Council - foi@middlesbrough.gov.uk
 Northumberland County Council - FOI@northumberland.gov.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

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