



## 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 05 July 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).

#### **Details of Request**

Disability Positive are making the following request for information under the Freedom of Information Act. We would be grateful if you could please provide us with the following information for the areas of Cumbria, Durham, Teeside, Newcastle and Gateshead:

- 1. Current contracted provider of your Statutory Advocacy Service?**
- 2. The date that the current Statutory Advocacy Service contract is due to expire and the approximate contract value?**
- 3. Current contracted provider of your Personal Health Budget Support Service?**
- 4. The date that the current Personal Health Budget Support Service contract is due to expire and the approximate contract value?**
- 5. Details of any contracted payroll provision for Personal Health Budget recipients?**
- 6. The date that any contracted payroll provision is due to expire and the approximate contract value?**
- 7. Where/how are your tendering opportunities advertised?**

#### **North Cumbria Locality**

- 1. North Cumbria Locality do not hold a contract with an Advocacy Service.*

2. N/A
3. *People First, Salvere*
4. *Contract arrangements held by Cumbria County Council. North Cumbria Locality access the arrangements on individual client basis.*
5. *People First and Salvere*
6. *Same response as 4.*
7. *Via NECS procurement service, guidance dependant on type of procurement required in line with national procurement guidelines.*

### **County Durham Locality**

1. *The provider Rethink Mental Illness Ltd is contracted by what was formerly known as County Durham CCG (now NENC ICB Central) to provide advocacy services for people with an identified mental health problem registered with a County Durham GP practice.*

*Durham County Council commission advocacy, you will to re-direct to them for any further information – [foi@durham.gov.uk](mailto:foi@durham.gov.uk)*

*We do not commission any other advocacy services.*

2. *The contract term in place for mental health covers the period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023. Annual Maximum contract value 2022/23 = £99,315 (inclusive of CQUIN).*

*Information about other advocacy services would need to be obtained from Durham County Council – [foi@durham.gov.uk](mailto:foi@durham.gov.uk)*

3. *We do not have one provider. Each client selects a provider and this is often the provider the client has used whilst under the Local Authority and the clients commission this themselves.*
4. *As above there is not one contract*
5. *See Q4*
6. *See Q4*
7. *Tenders for healthcare services above the Light Touch Regime (LTR) threshold (as below\*) are published on the InTend etendering system and the following link allows providers to register for free: [www.in-tendhost.co.uk/nhsnecsu](http://www.in-tendhost.co.uk/nhsnecsu)*

*Depending upon the contract value the following currently applies and this is where contract notices are published:*

*All procurements above £10,000 (lifetime value of the contract period including extensions) should be published on Contracts Finder: [www.gov.uk/contracts-finder](http://www.gov.uk/contracts-finder)*

*All procurements for LTR\* above £663,540 (inclusive of VAT and for the lifetime value of the contract period including extensions) should be published on Find a Tender Service: [www.findatenderservice.co.uk](http://www.findatenderservice.co.uk)*

## **Tees Valley Locality**

1. *Tees Valley (Stockton residents)  
Stockton ICA 0808 172 9553 or email to [sica@pcp.uk.net](mailto:sica@pcp.uk.net).*
2. *Information not held.*
3. *In Tees we do not have one provider, each client selects a provider, this is often the provider the client has used whilst under the LA and the clients commission this themselves.*
4. *As above, not one contract*
5. *As above, not one contract*
6. *As above, not one contract*
7. *Via NECS procurement service, guidance dependant on type of procurement required in line with national procurement guidelines.*

## **Newcastle Gateshead Locality**

1. *We currently hold two contracts which provide advocacy services, Citizens Advice Bureau (Primary Care Advice Service & MH Service) and Connected Voice Advocacy.*
2. *Citizens Advice Bureau (Primary Care Advice Service & MH Service) £73k pa - ends March 2023  
Connected Voice Advocacy £913k pa – ends March 2023*
3. *In Newcastle Gateshead, our PHB support services are provided by Newcastle City Council and Gateshead Local Authority.*
4. *This is an ongoing service and does not have a specific contract value as it is included in a wider list of services our Local Authorities provide on our behalf.*
5. *We offer a service through Newcastle City Council and Gateshead Local Authority, although PHB holders are free to use any provider they wish.*
6. *As above, this is an ongoing service and does not have a specific contract value as it is included in a wider list of services our Local Authorities provide on our behalf*
7. *Contract Finder.*

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

*Hilary Murphy*

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