



# 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 10 January 2024 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 Original Request**

Please confirm the ICB holds the following data, and where it is held please provide the data as requested.

Neurology Service

1. Please provide a list of all providers the ICB holds contracts with for this service.
2. For each contracted provider, please provide the Service Specification that describes the service (whether standalone or integrated in a broader Service Specification)

## Dementia Service

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Your clarification:

The specific services we would request information on are:

- Dementia - diagnosis
- Dementia - treatment
- Headache clinic including concussions
- Parkinson's
- Epilepsy
- Multiple sclerosis

## Our Response

*We can confirm, as per Section 1(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, the ICB does hold the information requested.*

### **Providers of the Services**

*We have listed the different providers of the service you are interested in under each of the service headings so that the response is easier to understand. Where I have noted that a Foundation Trust also provides some of the services, you will need to contact those organisations to find out the specifics of what they offer as noted below. It should also be noted that the majority of neurology services are commissioned by NHS England specialised commissioners. Details of how to contact them for further information are provided below.*

### **Dementia – diagnosis**

*Cumbria, Northumberland, Tyne & Wear NHS Foundation Trust (CNTW FT) are commissioned to deliver the main Dementia services across Newcastle, Gateshead, North Tyneside, Northumberland, South Tyneside, Sunderland and North Cumbria.*

*NENC ICB commissions provider Tees, Esk and Wear Valleys NHS Foundation Trust (TEWV FT) across County Durham and Tees Valley for mental health, learning disability and autism services, which includes diagnosing and treating people with dementia.*

*Within the Tees, Esk and Wear Valleys NHS Foundation Trust (TEWV FT) across County Durham and Tees Valley, there is not just one service specification for Dementia diagnosis services.*

*A copy of the dementia care pathway however has been attached, to describe the patient's journey within TEWV FT. More information for each locality across County Durham and Tees Valley can be found at:*

[https://www.tewv.nhs.uk/services/?search=dementia&area=all&service\\_type=all&audience=all&page\\_no=1](https://www.tewv.nhs.uk/services/?search=dementia&area=all&service_type=all&audience=all&page_no=1)

Gateshead Health NHS Foundation Trust also provide some of these services.

North Cumbria Care NHS Foundation Trust also provide some of these services.

The Newcastle Upon Tyne Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust (NuTH) – The majority of Dementia services in the north of ICB area are provided by CNTW. However, NuTH provide a medical memory clinic (where they diagnose dementia, carry out scans and treatment is commenced and followed up). They also have a specialist dementia service with diagnosis for vascular/early dementia (it is a NHSE specialised service spec and is a requirement for neurology services).

South Tyneside Health Collaborative and Age UK also provide some of these services.

South Tees Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust and North Tees & Hartlepool NHS Foundation Trust also provide some of these services. The service provided by both Trusts is a Comprehensive Medical / Multi-Disciplinary Team Assessment, (comprehensive geriatric assessment) including investigations and management plan, led by a Consultant Geriatrician, provided in both an inpatient and outpatient setting.

### **Dementia – treatment**

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NENC ICB commissions provider Tees, Esk and Wear Valleys NHS Foundation Trust (TEWV FT) across County Durham and Tees Valley for mental health, learning disability and autism services, which includes diagnosing and treating people with dementia.

Within the Tees, Esk and Wear Valleys NHS Foundation Trust (TEWV FT) across County Durham and Tees Valley, there is not just one service specification for Dementia services. People diagnosed with dementia can access any adult and older person service, depending on their need and treatment requirements. As a result, access for people with dementia forms part of several service specifications in the TEWV FT contract.

Gateshead Health NHS Foundation Trust also provide some of these services.

North Cumbria Care NHS Foundation Trust also provide some of these services.

The Newcastle Upon Tyne Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust (NuTH) – The majority of Dementia services are provided by CNTW. However, NuTH provide Acute Care where needed for patients with Dementia and clinics as detailed above.

South Tyneside Health Collaborative and Age UK also provide some of these services

South Tees Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust and North Tees & Hartlepool NHS Foundation Trust also provide some of these services.

### **Headache clinic including concussions**

*The Newcastle Upon Tyne Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust has an adult Headache clinic. They don't have a specific concussion service. People with concussion (say after 6 months) will be seen in general neurology or within the headache service.*

*Cumbria, Northumberland, Tyne & Wear NHS Foundation Trust also provide some of these services.*

*South Tyneside and Sunderland NHS Foundation Trust also provide some of these services.*

### **Parkinsons**

*Gateshead Health NHS Foundation Trust provide these services.*

*Northumbria NHS Foundation Trust – Parkinson's / Movement Disorders*

*The Newcastle Upon Tyne Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust has a Parkinsons clinics which has a nominal age for cut off for new referrals of 70. Referrals are made to Older peoples medicine.*

*South Tyneside and Sunderland NHS Foundation Trust also provide some of these services.*

### **Epilepsy**

*The Newcastle Upon Tyne Hospitals NHS FT – services provided for adults & children.*

*South Tyneside and Sunderland NHS Foundation Trust also provide some of these services.*

### **Multiple sclerosis**

*The Newcastle Upon Tyne Hospitals NHS FT – services provided for adults & children.*

*Cumbria, Northumberland, Tyne & Wear NHS Foundation Trust also provide some of these services.*

### **Neurology services**

*The Newcastle Upon Tyne Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust (NuTH) has a head injury service in neurosurgery for acute head injuries.*

*South Tees Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust also provide some of these services.*

### **Service Specifications**

*NENC ICB does not hold service specifications for all of the contracts mentioned. We have provided you those that we hold a copy of. However, the providers of the services may be able to provide you with a broader service description. Therefore, you will need to contact them as follows:*

<b>NENC Acute Hospital FTs</b>	<b>Email</b>
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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

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

There are limited specifications for the ICB commissioned services, those commissioned by Spec Comm can be found here <https://www.england.nhs.uk/specialised-commissioning-document-library/service-specifications/>

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

Yours sincerely

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