



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.

Thank you for your request received by North of England Commissioning Support (NECS) on 5th October 2022 for information held by NHS North East and North Cumbria Integrated Care Board (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.

Please find the information you requested on behalf of the ICB as follows.

Request

- 1) How many people in your area have been diagnosed with MS?
- 2) If possible, please provide a breakdown of those with Remitting MS and those with Progressive MS (including Secondary Progressive).
- 3) If possible, please provide a breakdown of 2) above showing those that are Male or Female and age (within bands of 10 years from 0 upwards).
- 4) What is the total annual funding provided in respect of MS. Please provide a breakdown of the funding that relates to “core service provision” and the amount that relates to individual treatment (such as cost of medication, etc).
- 5) If funding is being used for the provision of medication, please say what the average annual spend is for those patients who have Remitting MS and those that have Progressive MS (if data is available).

- 6) In relation to those patients who have Secondary Progressive MS, do you help fund the cost of the patient receiving Siponimod (Mayzent). If yes, please provide the total number of cases where funding is being provided and average annual spend. If you do not provide funding for such cases, would you consider to do so if the patient contributed towards the funding?
- 7) If known, do you contribute towards the domiciliary care costs of patients who have Progressive MS (including Secondary Progressive). If so, please say the average annual spend.

Response

North East and North Cumbria ICB do not hold this information. You may wish to redirect this request to NHS England, who may hold this information. england.contactus@nhs.net

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
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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

Information Governance Officer