



North East and North Cumbria

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By Email

Dear

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 06 January 2023 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.

Your Request

We would appreciate if you could respond to the following questions and forward any agreed policy documents you have to us:

- 1) Have you agreed and published a local policy for access to rtCGM and Flash (isCGM), in line with NICE guidelines for (NG17, NG18 and NG28), for these groups of people?
 - a) Adults with type 1 diabetes

- b) Children with type 1 diabetes
 - c) Adults with type 2 diabetes who have more than one daily insulin injection and experience problematic hypoglycaemia or need to fingerprick test 8+ times a day, cannot fingerprick test due to a condition or disability and/or require help from someone else to monitor their blood sugar levels.
- 2) If not, do you have plans to agree a policy for access to rtCGM and Flash (isCGM), in line with NICE guidelines, for these groups and by when?
- 3) Do, or will, these policies include:
- a) Details of how choice between real-time continuous glucose monitoring rtCGM and Flash (isCGM) will be enabled and supported for people with type 1 diabetes
 - b) Guidance on how commissioners, providers and health care professionals should address inequalities in access and uptake
- 4) Are there any specific challenges or issues you're facing writing and/or implementing the above policies (e.g. providing training, defining clear roles for primary and secondary services) we may be able to support with?

Our Response

- 1. No
- 2. Yes – *by the end of the financial year*
- 3. Yes
- 4. No

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
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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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