



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 15/01/24 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 Request

- 1. For the period 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023, please provide the names of any independent sector providers (such as but not limited to ACES, CHEC, Newmedica, Optegra, Optimax and Spamedica) that provided cataract and/or YAG capsulotomy procedures for the ICB.**
- 2. For the period 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023, please provide the names of any independent sector providers (such as but not limited to ACES, CHEC, Newmedica, Optegra, Optimax and Spamedica) that had a contract for Ophthalmology services with the ICB.**
- 3. For the period 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023, please provide the names of any independent sector providers (such as but not limited to ACES, CHEC, Newmedica, Optegra, Optimax and Spamedica) that undertook Non-Contract Activity for Ophthalmology services with the ICB.**

4. For each unique independent sector provider, please list the price paid for the following surgical procedures for the period 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023 (where a range of HRG codes apply please provide the complete list of HRG codes, number of specific patient claims made against each code and price paid):
 - a. Cataract; and
 - b. YAG capsulotomy.

5. Please name and provide the number of procedures (per eye) completed by each independent sector provider for the following surgical procedures for the period 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023:
 - a. Cataract; and
 - b. YAG capsulotomy.

6. For and by each independent sector provider, please list the price charged for pre-operative and post-operative outpatient consultations associated with the following surgical procedures for the period 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023 (including stating the services provided):
 - a. Cataract; and
 - b. YAG capsulotomy

7. For the period 1st April 2023 to 30th September 2023, please provide the names of any independent sector providers (such as but not limited to ACES, CHEC, Newmedica, Optegra and Optimax and Spamedica) that provided cataract and/or YAG capsulotomy procedures for the ICB.

8. For the period 1st April 2023 to 30th September 2023, please provide the names of any independent sector providers (such as but not limited to ACES, CHEC, Newmedica, Optegra, Optimax and Spamedica) that had a contract for Ophthalmology services with the ICB.

9. For the period 1st April 2023 to 30th September 2023, please provide the names of any independent sector providers (such as but not limited to ACES, CHEC, Newmedica, Optegra, Optimax and Spamedica) that undertook Non-Contract Activity for Ophthalmology services with the ICB.

10. For each unique independent sector provider, please list the price paid for the following surgical procedures for the period 1st April 2023 to 30th September 2023 (where a range of HRG codes apply please provide the complete list of HRG codes, number of specific patient claims made against each code and price paid):
 - a. Cataract; and
 - b. YAG capsulotomy.

11. Please name and provide the number of procedures (per eye) completed by each independent sector provider for the following surgical procedures for the period 1st April 2023 to 30th September 2023:
 - a. Cataract; and
 - b. YAG capsulotomy.

12. For and by each independent sector provider, please list the price charged for pre-operative and post-operative outpatient consultations associated with the following surgical procedures for the period 1st April 2023 to 30th September 2023 (including stating the services provided):

- a. Cataract; and
- b. YAG capsulotomy

Our Response

1. SpaMedica*, Optegra, CHEC, NewMedica Circle Health Group, Nuffield Health, and Matrix Health Services (triage only).
2. SpaMedica*, Optegra, CHEC, NewMedica Circle Health Group, Nuffield Health, and Matrix Health Services (triage only).
3. SpaMedica, Optegra, CHEC.
4. Please see attached spreadsheet:



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Q10 Response Spreac

5. Please see attached spreadsheet:



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Q11 Response Spreac

Please note that whilst the ICB has provided the information it holds, there is a possibility that this information may be incorrect or incomplete. The provider organisations within the ICB area may be able to provide a more complete picture if you redirect this part of your request to them. They can be contacted on the below emails:

NENC Acute Hospital FTs	Email
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

6. All prices are in line with National Tariff guidance:
<https://www.england.nhs.uk/publication/national-tariff-payment-system-documents-annexes-and-supporting-documents/>
7. SpaMedica*, Optegra, CHEC, NewMedica and Circle Health Group.
8. SpaMedica*, Optegra, CHEC, NewMedica and Circle Health Group.

9. CHEC.

10. Please see response to Q4.

11. Please see response to Q5.

12. Please see response to Q6.

**In North Cumbria Place the ICB is an associate on the contract held by Lancashire & South Cumbria ICB*

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.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 . This will not affect your initial information request.

Yours sincerely

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