

Our Reference North East and North Cumbria ICB\  
FOI ICB 25–202

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By Email

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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 on 19 August 2025 for information held by NHS North East and North Cumbria Integrated Care Board (the ICB) under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The ICB 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**

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, please provide the following recorded information held by your Integrated Care Board regarding use of bevacizumab gamma (Lytenava®) for neovascular (wet) age-related macular degeneration (NICE TA1022):

Scope & period

- 1 June 2025 – 30 June 2025
- 1 July 2025 – 31 July 2025

Information requested (for each month above)

1. Total number of Blueteq prior-approval forms submitted for bevacizumab gamma (Lytenava) for wet AMD within your ICB.
2. Please split totals into:
  - a) Initiation forms (treatment starts)
  - b) Continuation forms (ongoing approvals / renewals)
3. If held, please also provide a breakdown by provider Trust within your ICB.

Format & identifiers

- Please provide the data in CSV or XLSX.

- Drug identifiers for clarity: bevacizumab gamma (brand: Lytenava®; NICE TA1022; if useful for your systems, PIP code often referenced is 1215680).

### Notes

- I am requesting aggregate figures only; no patient-level data are required.
- If your ICB does not hold some or all of this information but your provider Trusts do, please advise and/or transfer this request to the relevant bodies under the FOI Section 45 Code of Practice.
- If any figure is ≤5 and you consider disclosure risky to anonymity, please use standard rounding/redaction (e.g., “≤5”).

If any part of this request risks exceeding the cost limit, please let me know how best to narrow (e.g., omitting the Trust-level split) so that it can be completed within the statutory time.

### Our Response

We can confirm, as per Section 1(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, the ICB on this occasion is not able to provide the requested information. In line with your rights under section 1(1)(a) of the Act to be informed whether information is held, we confirm the ICB does not hold any of the information requested. However, we have determined that the information is held by the acute hospital NHS foundation trusts (FTs) within the North East and North Cumbria region.

In accordance with our duty under s.16 of the FOIA to provide reasonable advice and assistance to an individual requesting information, we have provided the FOI email addresses for those foundation trusts to make your request.

<b>NENC Acute Hospital FTs</b>	<b>Email</b>
County Durham and 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 and 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

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 ICB's complaints procedure.

The Information Commissioner can be contacted at Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF or [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 faithfully

*Information Governance Support Officer*

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