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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 24 July 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

I am submitting this request under the Freedom of Information Act and the Code of Practice on Openness in the NHS. Please confirm if the ICB holds the following data, and where it is held, please provide the data as requested.

Children and Young People (CYP) Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) Assessment Service:

1. Please provide a list of all providers the ICB holds contracts with for this service.
 - Please include both statutory NHS and Independent Sector providers
 - Please include any service that includes a CYP ASD service (for example a broader ND service, or one that includes a combined ASD/ADHD pathway)
2. For each contracted provider listed in the answer to question 1, please provide the following schedules as included in the contract the ICB holds:
 - Schedule 2A or equivalent: Service Specification that describes the service (whether standalone or integrated in a broader Service Specification)
 - Schedule 3B and 3C (or relevant pricing schedule if these not used)

Please provide any embedded files in an openable format.

Children and Young People (CYP) Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) Pre- and/or Post- Diagnosis Support Services

Examples of such services include:

- Post diagnosis Autism Clinic/Service
 - Evidence based interventions such as Paediatric Autism Communication Therapy (PACT), or Riding the Rapids Therapy services, including Occupational Therapy, and Speech and Language Therapy
 - Educational Psychologist services
 - Parenting Programmes or Courses
3. Please provide a list of all providers the ICB holds contracts with for this service.
- Please include both statutory NHS and Independent Sector providers.
 - Please include any service that includes a CYP ASD Pre- and Post- Diagnosis element (for example, a broader Autism or Neurodevelopmental service which also includes Pre- and/or Post-Diagnostic services, or one that includes a combined ASD and ADHD pathway with Pre and/or Post Diagnostic services)
4. For each contracted provider listed in the answer to question 3, please provide the following schedules as included in the contract the ICB holds:
- Schedule 2A or equivalent: Service Specification that describes the service (whether standalone or integrated in a broader Service Specification)
 - Schedule 3B and 3C (or relevant pricing schedule if these not used)

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Our Response

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

1. Cumbria, Northumberland, Tyne & Wear NHS Foundation Trust (CNTW) provides CYP autism assessments across North Cumbria, Northumberland, North Tyneside, Newcastle, Gateshead, South Tyneside and Sunderland.

Tees, Esk and Wear Valleys NHS Foundation Trust (TEWV) provides CYP autism assessments across Durham and Tees Valley.

The Owl Centre provides CYP autism assessments as part of a waiting list initiative across the whole of the North East and North Cumbria.

2. The CNTW and TEWV services are included in their wider inpatient and community services contract. This is paid on a block payment basis. The Owl Centre contract value is £199,155. This covers autism, ADHD and combined assessments.

Activity type	Number	Cost
ADHD	71	£53,250
ASD	50	£82,005
Combined	21	£42,600
Activity/Cost sub total	142	£177,855

ADHD Medication titration	53	£21,300
Grand Total		£199,155

Service specifications for all of the above providers are attached separately.

3. Please refer to the attached spreadsheet detailing autism contracts. Contract providers are:

- Daisy Chain
- Autism in Mind
- North East Autism Society
- The Toby Henderson Trust

4. Please refer to the response to questions 2 and 3.

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, Wycliff House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF or 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 faithfully

Information Governance Support Officer

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