

Our Reference North East and North Cumbria ICB\
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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 11 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 would please like to request the following information in line with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 regarding the guidance / formulary in place relating to the commissioning recommendations of blood glucose meters, test strips and lancets within the ICB.

1. Do you have a local formulary which you follow alongside the NHS England commissioning recommendations?
2. If so, when will the local formulary be reviewed?
3. Could you provide the name (s), direct contact email address (es) and direct telephone numbers of the person (s) who are dealing with the formulary?
4. Could you provide a link for the local formulary?
5. Are there any financial rebates in place with chosen suppliers relating to the supply of blood glucose strips? If so, please could you provide details of which company and details of any agreement including how the amount of rebate is calculated and agreed period?
6. Are there any financial rebates in place with chosen suppliers relating to the supply of insulin pen needles or lancets? If so, please could you provide details of which company and details of any agreement including how the amount of rebate is calculated and agreed period?

Our Response

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

1. Yes, NENC ICB has a local formulary which you follow alongside NHS England commissioning recommendations.
2. The local formulary is reviewed every 2 months.
3. Formulary responsibility lies with Northern Treatment Advisory Group (NTAG). Please contact them by email at nuth.nyrdtc.rxsupp@nhs.net
4. The link to the local formulary is [North East and North Cumbria Formulary](#).
5. There are no financial rebates in place with chosen suppliers relating to the supply of blood glucose strips.
6. There are no financial rebates in place with chosen suppliers relating to the supply of insulin pen needles or lancets.

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.

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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