

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 3 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

1. Who are the clinical leads involved in wound care for the ICB?
2. Are separate formularies still being implemented across the localities? Will they remain separate, amalgamate the formularies or will a new one be created?
3. Is there a working group that is reviewing the ICB wound care formulary – and if so, who is part of that group and what are their contact details?
4. How are dressings/wound care products currently decided upon for the regional formulary?
5. What are the ICB's aims with reference to the procurement of provisions for wound care and commission of wound care services?
6. What is the current date for the formulary review for wound care and how will this look ICB wide?
7. How would provisions and procurement of wound care products take place under the ICB; FP10 NHSSC, other?
8. How does an organisation apply to have their products considered for inclusion on the wound care formulary?
9. NTAG have stated that any medication with NICE guidelines should be implemented within 90 days in the ICB. Does this also apply to medicated wound care dressings?
10. Who is the best point of contact in NTAG/ICB to discuss implementing NICE guidelines for wound care dressings?

Our Response

We can confirm, as per Section 1(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, the ICB holds some of the information you have requested.

1. There are no clinical leads for the ICB involved in wound care. Leadership for wound care is provided by Tissues Viability teams within local Foundation Trusts. 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.

NENC Acute Hospital FTs	Email
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

2. Yes, separate formularies still being implemented across the localities. These are based on historical Area Prescribing Committee (APC) footprint. The decision has yet to made regarding an ICB wide formulary for dressings.
3. Local Tissue Viability Nurse (TVN) working groups continue to review local formularies and guidelines. Please contact TVN teams through the Foundation Trusts named in the response to question 1.
4. There is no regional formulary and, on this basis, NENC ICB does not hold the information you have requested.
5. NHS England introduced and implemented a Wound Assessment Commissioning for Quality and Innovation (CQUIN) target. As the national body, NHS England sets the overall direction and priorities for healthcare, including wound care. They commission services, develop strategies, and monitor performance. The ICB are currently exploring procurement options, including utilising Compliant Framework Agreements.
6. There is no ICB formulary and, on this basis, NENC ICB does not hold the information you have requested.
7. Provisions and procurement of wound care products is currently under review and no decision has been taken by the ICB.
8. This process is managed by local TVN teams currently. Please contact them through the Foundation Trusts named in the response to question 1
9. Any NICE Technology Appraisal will be implemented within 90 days by the ICB including those for medicated dressings as stated in the North East and North Cumbria Formulary. The link to the formulary is [North East and North Cumbria Formulary](#)
10. NICE Technology Appraisals are all considered for approval via the Northern Treatment Advisory Group (NTAG). NTAG contact details are nuth.nyrdtc.rxsupp@nhs.net and the link to the NTAG website is [NTAG – Northern Treatment Advisory Group](#).

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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