

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 by North of England Commissioning Support (NECS) on 22 January 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, Gateshead, Newcastle, North Cumbria, North Tyneside, Northumberland, South Tyneside, Sunderland, and Tees Valley (which covers the five local authorities of Darlington, Hartlepool, Middlesbrough, Redcar and Cleveland and Stockton-on-Tees).

Please find the information you requested on behalf of the ICB as follows.

Your Request

Please could you provide under FOI:

1. The name and title of the key ICB individual(s) with responsibility for Clinical Quality, with email addresses.
2. For your named committee/ group that provides oversight and/or planning of Quality, e.g. System Quality Group:
 - a. A copy of the terms of reference
 - b. A list of data sources reviewed at this meeting and/or an example report.
3. Was National Clinical Audit data specifically reviewed in the development of your ICS Quality Strategy and/or quality priorities?
4. Any good examples of successful cross-organisational clinical improvement (ideally involving National Clinical Audit data) to share?
 - a. If so, could I have an email address of someone close to the project please.

Our Response

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

1. The name and title of the key ICB individual(s) with responsibility for Clinical Quality are as follows:
Sam Allen ICB CEO- s.allen24@nhs.net
Neil O'Brien ICB Chief Medical Officer- neilobrien@nhs.net
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2. The named committee/ group that provides oversight and/or planning of Quality is the Quality and Safety Committee/
 - Terms of reference for system quality group, clinical effectiveness subcommittee, and Quality and safety committee are attached.

The data sources reviewed at this meeting and/or an example report.

- Published minutes from November 2024 Quality and safety committee.
- Agenda included from system quality group.

3. Was National Clinical Audit data specifically reviewed in the development of your ICS Quality Strategy and/or quality priorities?

Link to NENC ICB Quality Strategy, please see attached.

There are no specific clinical audits mentioned in the quality strategy, they are a fundamental part of the clinical effectiveness strategic theme.

The ICB has published our Clinical Conditions strategic plan, which was clinically driven and data led, it includes information about the Epilepsy audit.

Website link, please see attached.

The ICB has also created a clinical effectiveness subcommittee, and its purpose is to provide assurance and oversight of the delivery of effective care and treatment in the North East and North Cumbria ICS (system wide). The subcommittee will review data and intelligence, implementing continuous service improvement, making informed evidenced based decisions, and ensuring the delivery of high-quality care. The subcommittee will develop an audit plan for the year ahead, based on priorities identified through the measurement of compliance with national standards including the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE), mortality reviews and Getting it Right First Time (GIRFT).

4. Any good examples of successful cross-organisational clinical improvement (ideally involving National Clinical Audit data) to share?
The ICB does not currently hold this data across the system, there is ongoing work to develop the clinical effectiveness framework.

An internal process has been agreed at the ICB Insight Programme Delivery Group to review national audits which includes a multi-disciplinary team between personnel from key directorates reviewing audits and recommending next steps. The first 3 to be reviewed under the new process are:

- a. National Hip Fracture (NHFD)
- b. Intensive Care National Audit & Research Centre (ICNARC)
- c. National Kidney Cancer Audit (NKCA)

If so, could I have an email address of someone close to the project please.
As the ICB does not currently hold this data there is currently no one delegated with the responsibility of closing this project.

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 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
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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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