

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 29 November 2024 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

I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 regarding memory, ADHD and ASD assessments managed by your ICB. I would be grateful if you could provide the following information:

Memory Assessments

1. Do you deliver or partner with private companies to help deliver memory assessments?
2. What is the current split of assessments that are completed virtually vs in person?
3. Which private providers are you currently working with for FY 2024/25?
4. Which private providers did you work with FY 2023/24?
5. What was the spend on Memory assessments in FY 2023/24?
6. What was the spend on Memory assessments FY 2022/23?
7. What is the price for an individual assessment?

ADHD

Where you use private partners, what is your average cost per patient for:

1. Assessment
2. Titration

3. Annual review and shared care?

ASD

Where you use private partners, what is your average cost per patient for an assessment?

If any of the requested information is exempt from disclosure, please specify the exemption(s) and provide reasoning. If portions of the requested data are not readily available, please provide what information you can and outline any relevant timeframes for the remaining data.

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.

Memory Assessments

NENC ICB does not deliver or partner with private companies to help deliver memory assessments. No, memory assessments are delivered by Tees, Esk and Wear Valleys NHS Foundation Trust under a block contract across County Durham and Tees Valley.

Cumbria, Northumberland, Tyne and Wear NHS Foundation Trust provide this service under a block contract to North Cumbria, North Tyneside, Northumberland, Newcastle, Gateshead, South Tyneside and Sunderland.

ADHD and ASD

For ADHD and ASD, NENC ICB does not hold any contracts with non-NHS providers.

Where non-NHS providers hold a contract with another ICB in England or NHS England, Right to Choose may apply, depending on the service specification and contract terms. In those cases, NENC ICB would be charged for patient activity under other ICB contracts, providing the referral route was in line with Right to Choose Criteria and assessment/treatment was delivered in line with the NHS Standard Contract in place between the alternative ICB and provider.

The table below details average cost information per person for ADHD and ASD:

| ADHD/ASD | Assessment Type | Cost |
|----------|----------------------------|----------|
| ADHD | Adult Assessment | £356.00 |
| ADHD | Adult Assessment follow up | £183.00 |
| ADHD | Assessment Child | £876.00 |
| ADHD | Assessment Child follow up | £182.00 |
| ADHD | Titration | £81.44 |
| ASD | Assessment | £947.50 |
| ASD | Assessment Child | £1248.00 |

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
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

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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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