



North East and North Cumbria

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By Email

Dear

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 02 May 2023 for information held by NHS North East and North Cumbria Integrated Care Board (NENC ICB) under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

NENC ICB covers the areas of County Durham, Gateshead, Newcastle, North Cumbria, North Tyneside, Northumberland, South Tyneside, Sunderland and Tees Valley (which covers the 5 councils that make it up – Darlington, Hartlepool, Middlesbrough, Redcar & Cleveland and Stockton-on-Tees).

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

Your Request

Please find attached a document with a short list of questions and requests for information. The data required to answer these questions should be readily available at the ICB level and as such, we hope we can obtain the requested information as soon as possible, ideally in an electronic format. I have also added the list of questions below, as well as within the attachment, for your convenience.

Hospital Beds

1. What is the total number of hospital beds in your region?

2. How many beds (or what percentage of total beds) are occupied by patients who are 'medically fit awaiting discharge' at any given time (on average)?
3. What is the average number of days from when a patient is declared 'medically fit awaiting discharge' to the day they are discharged?
4. What is the total number of bed days per month that beds are occupied by patients who are 'medically fit awaiting discharge'? (1 bed occupied for 10 days = 10 bed days; 10 beds occupied for 1 day = 10 bed days)
5. What is the average cost of a hospital bed per day in your region?
6. What is the cost of a stroke inpatient bed per day vs a standard acute bed per day?
7. What are the reasons for patients remaining within hospital, occupying a bed, after they have been declared 'medically fit awaiting discharge'?
 - Adult Social Care delays?
 - Lack of adequate care facility/beds?
 - Lack of carers?
 - Lack of hospital capacity to discharge?

Patients

1. Of the total number of patients who have been declared 'medically fit awaiting discharge' but still occupying a bed for more than 3 days:
 - a) How many are stroke patients?
 - b) How many are patients with chronic conditions?
 - c) What conditions are most common in these patients?
2. For each of the 2 listed patient sub-groups (stroke vs chronic conditions patients who have been declared 'medically fit awaiting discharge' but have occupied a bed for 3 days or more), please could you provide their:
 - a) Average age
 - b) Risk of UTI
 - c) Rate of falls?
 - d) Average level of care needs?
3. What % of patients who have been declared 'medically fit awaiting discharge' but are occupying a bed for more than 3 days are eligible for Continuing Healthcare vs Adult Social Care?
 - a) What is this percentage in **stroke patients** who have been declared 'medically fit awaiting discharge' but are occupying a bed for more than 3 days?
 - b) What is this percentage in **patients with chronic conditions** who have been declared 'medically fit awaiting discharge' but are occupying a bed for more than 3 days?

Services

1. Are there any intermediate care / step up/down / stroke rehab facilities in your region?
 - a) If so, who commissions them?
 - b) Are they privately or publicly funded?
2. What type of contracting is used for the commissioning of private IC facilities?
 - a) What is the average contract length?
 - b) What are the payment terms (block payment, pay for results, etc)?

3. What number of intermediate care beds would fulfil your current unmet need?

Our Response

NENC ICB does not hold the requested information.

A lot of the data is publicly available through [Statistics » Discharge delays \(Acute\) \(england.nhs.uk\)](#) for discharge and [Statistics » Urgent and Emergency Care Daily Situation Reports 2022-23 \(england.nhs.uk\)](#) for occupied bed data and [NHS England » National Cost Collection for the NHS](#) for costs so should just direct them there.

The remainder of the information would need to be requested via the Foundation Trusts as follows:

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County Durham & Darlington NHS FT	cdda-tr.cddftfoi@nhs.net
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North Cumbria Integrated Care NHS FT	foirequests@ncic.nhs.uk
North Tees & 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

In line 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 make a complaint or 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 complaint, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. 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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