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By Email

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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 8 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**

Under the Freedom of Information Act, I would like to request the following information regarding placements and spending for older person's care home services.

1. Who within the ICB, has the commissioning responsibility for care home placements for older people (aged 65+) under a Continuing Healthcare package (CHC)? Please provide their:
  - a. Name
  - b. Job title
  - c. Telephone number
  - d. Email address
2. Please provide the gross total expenditure on older person's (age 65+) services under a CHC package for financial year **2021/22, 2022/23, 2023/24 (actual)** and financial year **2024/25 (projected)**:

*For question 2a, please provide total spend on personal social services for people aged 65+. This will include spend on residential, nursing, and domiciliary care (2b, 2c, and 2d) as well as other social care for older people such as day services, etc*

- a. Gross total expenditure on older person's (65+) services
  - b. Gross total expenditure on residential home placements (65+)
  - c. Gross total expenditure on nursing home placements (65+)
  - d. Gross total expenditure on domiciliary care/home care (65+)
3. Please provide figures for the total number of older people (age 65+) that the ICB has placed under a CHC package in the financial year **2022/23**, **2023/24** and **2024/25** (projected) and funded in, including both new placements made during the year and existing placements.
- a. Residential care
  - b. Residential dementia care
  - c. Nursing care
  - d. Nursing dementia care
  - e. Domiciliary care/home care
4. Please provide the Highest, average (mean) and lowest weekly fees paid for care home placements for older people (aged 65+) under a CHC package in financial year **2023/24** and **2024/25**:
- a. Older person's residential
  - b. Older person's residential dementia
  - c. Older person's nursing
  - d. Older person's nursing dementia
5. Please provide the proposed average percentage uplift to the weekly rate paid by the ICB between **2023/24** and **2024/25**:
- a. Older person's residential
  - b. Older person's residential dementia
  - c. Older person's nursing
  - d. Older person's nursing dementia

**Note:** it should be understood as referring to placements in care homes whose primary function is providing care for older people.

## **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. The response to question 1 covers the full NENC ICB region. Responses to questions 2 to 5 are for County Durham, Newcastle Gateshead, North Cumbria and Tees Valley ICB places only.

We can confirm, as per Section 1(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, the ICB on this occasion is not able to provide the requested information for the full region. In line with your rights under section 1(1)(a) of the Act to be informed whether information is held, we confirm the ICB does not hold any of the information requested for North Tyneside, Northumberland, South Tees and Sunderland ICB places for questions 2 to 5. However, we have determined that the information is held by the Local Authorities in these ICB places.

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 all local authorities to make your request.

<b>NENC Local Authorities</b>	<b>Email</b>
Cumbria County Council	information.governance@cumbria.gov.uk
Darlington Borough Council	freedomofinformation@darlington.gov.uk
Durham County Council	foi@durham.gov.uk
Gateshead Council	informationrights@gateshead.gov.uk
Hartlepool Borough Council	freedomofinformation@hartlepool.gov.uk
Middlesbrough Borough Council	foi@middlesbrough.gov.uk
Newcastle City Council	freedomofinformation@newcastle.gov.uk
North Tyneside Council	foiofficer@northtyneside.gov.uk
Northumberland County Council	foi@northumberland.gov.uk
Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council	informationgovernance@redcar-cleveland.gov.uk
South Tyneside Council	foi@southtyneside.gov.uk
Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council	foiandcomplaints@stockton.gov.uk
Sunderland City Council	freedom.information@sunderland.gov.uk

In addition, for questions 2 to 5, 2024/25 cost and activity is based on information recorded at the time of reporting. Activity is year to date. No rates or budgets are agreed for 2025/26 therefore unable to provide projected spend for any question.

1. Richard Scott, Director of Nursing – CHC, has overall responsibility for placements. His email address is [richard.scott7@nhs.net](mailto:richard.scott7@nhs.net) Alternatively, please contact him by telephoning the ICB's main Reception on 0191-512-8484.
2. Costs are included for fully funded CHC packages of care, please refer to the table below. NENC ICB does not hold details of social services spend, this would need to be directed to Local Authorities. Costs are included for fully funded CHC packages of care only.

	<b>2021/22</b>	<b>2022/23</b>	<b>2023/24</b>	<b>2024/25</b>
Q2a Older Person's Services	£53,889,617	£62,634,232	£65,948,672	£63,284,398
Q2b Residential Home Placements	£3,427,637	£3,895,925	£3,926,357	£3,643,884
Q2c Nursing Home Placements	£26,839,333	£34,028,571	£36,567,702	£35,425,290
Q2d Domiciliary Care	£13,279,643	£13,818,203	£14,299,341	£12,692,483

3. Costs are included for CHC packages of care, please refer to the table below.

	<b>2022/23</b>	<b>2023/24</b>	<b>2024/25</b>
Q3a and Q3b Residential Care	255	184	152
Q3c and Q3d Nursing Care	1355	1164	868
Q3e Domiciliary Care	633	565	400

The ICB is unable to split dementia care for fully funded CHC clients in a residential placement (questions 3a and 3b). The ICB is unable to split dementia care for fully funded CHC clients in a nursing placement (questions 3c and 3d). The ICB is unable to split dementia care for fully funded CHC clients with a home care package (question 3e).

4. Costs are included for fully funded CHC packages of care, please refer to the table below.

	2023/24	2024/25
Q4a and Q4b Residential Care		
Highest Weekly Fee	£4,611.02	£4,611.02
Lowest Weekly Fee	£669.00	£562.52
Average Weekly Cost	£939.46	£1028.99
Q4c and Q4d Nursing Care		
Highest Weekly Fee	£5,309.92	£5,787.81
Lowest Weekly Fee	£645.00	£585.49
Average Weekly Cost	£1,158.51	£1,216.99

The ICB is unable to split dementia care weekly fees for fully funded CHC clients in a residential placement (questions 4a and 4b). The ICB is unable to split dementia care weekly fees for fully funded CHC clients in a nursing placement (questions 4c and 4d).

5. No percentage uplift is agreed.

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

[www.ico.org.uk](http://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](http://www.legislation.gov.uk). This will not affect your initial information request.

Yours sincerely

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