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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 3 July 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

Under the Freedom of Information Act, I would like to request the following information regarding adult learning disability services.

1. Please could you supply the name, email address and telephone number of the commissioner with responsibility for learning disabilities placements?

For questions 2 to 6, please supply this information as a snapshot at the end of the year for the financial years 2023/24 and the most up to date snapshot available for 2024/25.

2. Please provide the total number of adults with learning disabilities funded by the ICB in residential care.
3. Of the total number of adults with learning disabilities funded by the ICB in residential care (q.2) please provide the number that are in 'in area' placements and the number that are in 'out of area' placements.
4. Please provide the total number of adults with learning disabilities funded by the ICB in supported living.

5. Please provide the number of adults with learning disabilities who transitioned from children's learning disabilities services into adult's services - into adult residential care services only, into adult supported living services only, and into adult services in total.
6. Please provide the number of adults with learning disabilities who 'stepped down' from specialist inpatient hospital placements into adult residential care and supported living services.
7. Please provide the ICB's total expenditure on residential care and supported living for adults with learning disabilities for the financial year 2023/24, and budgeted expenditure for 2024/25.
8. Please provide the highest, lowest, and average weekly rate paid by the ICB for residential care placements for adults with a learning disability for each of the financial years 2023/24 and 2024/25. If the ICB has weekly rate bands, please also provide these.
9. Please provide the highest, lowest, and average hourly rate paid by the ICB for supported living placements for adults with a learning disability for each of the financial years 2023/24 and 2024/25. If the ICB has hourly rate bands, please also provide these.

To clarify: I am referring to placements only to health-funded clients, and please include placements solely funded by health.

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. 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. However, this is available within the NENC ICB publication scheme which can be accessed on the ICB website: [Publications scheme | North East and North Cumbria NHS \(northeastnorthcumbria.nhs.uk\)](https://www.northeastnorthcumbria.nhs.uk/publications-scheme) or please refer to our previous related request, our ref: ICB FOI 396 from the NENC ICB FOI Disclosure Log at: [Microsoft Word – ICB FOI 396 Response Letter \(northeastnorthcumbria.nhs.uk\)](https://www.northeastnorthcumbria.nhs.uk/foi-396-response-letter)

In accordance with s.21 of the FOIA, we are not required to provide information in response to a request if it is reasonably accessible to you by other means.

County Durham, Newcastle, Gateshead, North Cumbria and Tees Valley places

1. Please refer to ICB wide response above.
2. Total number of adults with learning disabilities funded by the ICB in residential care were 508 in 2023/24 and 459 in 2024/25.
3. Number in 'in area' and 'out of area' placements were 490 in area and 18 out of area in 2023/24 and 453 in area and 13 out of area in 2024/25.
4. Number of adults with learning disabilities funded by the ICB in supported living were 496 in 2023/24 and 448 in 2024/25.
5. Adults with learning disabilities who transitioned from children's learning disabilities services were 7 in total (3 non-eligible, 1 Residential Care, 1 Domiciliary Care, 1 PHB Support, 1 No Package) in 2023/24 and 9 to date (4 Not Eligible/No package, 3 Domiciliary Care, 1 PA Support, 1 Residential Home) in 2024/25.
6. On this occasion it is not possible to provide the requested information. 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 these ICB places.
7. Expenditure on residential care and supported living for adults with learning disabilities is £70,994 249.25 (Residential Care £32,438,496 and Supported Living £38,555,753.25) in

2023/04 and £714,484,268 (Residential Care £32,140,759 and Supported Living £39,307,667) in 2024/25.

8. Highest, lowest and average weekly rates for residential care were:

Weekly rates	2023/24	2024/25
Highest	£9,503.46	£9,503.46
Lowest	£37.11	£37.11
Average	£1,613.60	£1,544.36

9. Highest, lowest and average weekly rates for supported living placements were:

Weekly rates	2023/24	2024/25
Highest	£11,562.75	£11,787.98
Lowest	£18.29	£18.29
Average	£1,703.11	£1,751.55

North Tyneside place

1. Please refer to ICB wide response above.
2. Total number of adults with learning disabilities funded by the ICB in residential care were zero. Residential care is not funded in North Tyneside place.
3. Please refer to the response to question 2.
4. Number of adults with learning disabilities funded in supported living were 15 in 2023/24 and 15 in 2024/25 (snapshot at 01/07/2024).
5. Adults with learning disabilities who transitioned from children's learning disabilities services were 1 in 2023/24 and 1 in 2024/25 (snapshot at 01/07/2024). There were zero ISL and zero residential.
6. There were no adults with learning disabilities who 'stepped down' from specialist inpatient hospital placements into adult residential care and supported living services in 2023/24 and 2024/25.
7. For ISL the 2023/24 reported position was £2,382,365 for North Tyneside.
8. Please refer to the response to question 2.
9. Highest, lowest and average weekly rates for supported living placements were:

Weekly rates	2023/24	2024/25
Highest	£18.96/hour (complex)	£20.59/hour (complex)
Lowest	£18.29/hour (general)	£19.86/hour (general)
Average	£18.63/hour	£20.23/hour

Northumberland place

1. Please refer to ICB wide response above. For reference, commissioning in Northumberland ICB place is delegated to Northumberland County Council.
2. Total number of adults with learning disabilities funded by the ICB in residential care were 43 in 2023/24 and 46 in 2024/25. Please note that figures supplied in this response include adults part-funded by the ICB under its agreement with Northumberland County Council about financial contributions towards the cost of services provided as part of an aftercare plan under Section 117 of the Mental Health Act.
3. Number in 'in area' and 'out of area' placements were 34 in area and 9 out of area in 2023/24 and 36 in area and 10 out of area in 2024/25 for the ICB area. For Northumberland, number in

'in area' and 'out of area' placements were 26 in area and 17 out of area in 2023/24 and 27 in area and 19 out of area in 2024/25 for the ICB area.

4. Adults with learning disabilities funded by the ICB in supported living were 32 in 2023/24 and 35 in 2024/25.
5. Adults with learning disabilities who transitioned from children's learning disabilities services were 2 in total (1 Residential Care, 1 Supported Living) in 2023/24 and 4 to date (2 Residential Care, 2 Supported Living) in 2024/25.
6. Adults with learning disabilities who 'stepped down' from specialist inpatient hospital placements into adult residential care and supported living services were 2 (zero Residential Care, 2 Supported Living) in 2023/24 and zero in 2024/05.
7. Expenditure on residential care and supported living for adults with learning disabilities is £11,671,152 (Residential Care £6,068,616.94 and Supported Living £5,602,535.06) in 2023/04 and £14,059,950.13 (Residential Care £7,079,174.20 and Supported Living £6,980,775.93) in 2024/25.
8. Highest, lowest and average weekly rates for residential care were:

Weekly rates	2023/24	2024/25
Highest	£1,743.71	£1,900.13
Lowest	£1,159.34	£1,563.71
Average	£1,479.00	£1,731.92

Weekly rate bands are not used

9. Highest, lowest and average weekly rates for supported living placements were:

Weekly rates	2023/24	2024/25
Highest	£20.87	£22.76
Lowest	£19.23	£20.69
Average	£20.12	£21.81

Weekly rate bands	2023/24	2024/25
Lot 1	£19.23	£20.69
Lot 2	£19.85	£21.65
Lot 3	£20.87	£22.76
Sleep-in	£11.18	£12.19

South Tyneside place

On this occasion it is not possible to provide the requested information. 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 South Tyneside place. However, we have determined that the information is held by South Tyneside Council.

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 address for the Council to make your request: foi@southtyneside.gov.uk

Sunderland place

On this occasion it is not possible to provide the requested information. 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 Sunderland place. However, we have determined that the information is held by Sunderland City Council.

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 address for the Council to make your request: freedom.information@sunderland.gov.uk

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
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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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