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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 on 27 October 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, Newcastle Gateshead, North Cumbria, North Tyneside, Northumberland, South Tyneside, Sunderland, and Tees Valley.

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

Your Request

Please could you provide me with the following information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Further to my previous requests regarding the ICB's expenditure on ADHD assessments which is for a research report into expenditure by ICBs on private providers of ADHD assessments, I am seeking the following information regarding expenditure data for this financial year.

I appreciate that it might not be possible for the ICB to separate off expenditure on ADHD assessments from ASD assessments and so please do provide total amounts for both commissioned services.

1. The total amount spent by the ICB on ADHD assessments with non-NHS private providers between 1 April 2025 and 30 September 2025.
2. A breakdown of expenditure by the ICB on individual non-NHS private providers for the delivery of ADHD assessments between 1 April 2025 and 30 September 2025 where the ICB has a contract.
3. A breakdown of expenditure by the ICB on individual non-NHS private providers for the delivery of ADHD assessments between 1 April 2025 and 30 September 2025 where the ICB does not have a contract (non-contract activity/right to choose).

4. The total budget for expenditure on ADHD assessments for the financial year 2025/26.
 - a. Where available, please provide the total budget for expenditure on ADHD assessments for the financial year 2025/26 for those assessments which are undertaken by non-NHS private companies on a non-contract activity/right to choose basis
5. The forecast overspend or underspend on the 2025/26 budget for ADHD assessments as of 30 September 2025.
 - a. Where available, please provide the forecast overspend or underspend on the 2025/26 budget for ADHD assessments for those assessments which are undertaken by non-NHS private companies on a non-contract activity/right to choose basis (i.e. the overspend on the budget described in 4a above, if available.)

If you have any questions or if there is a need for clarification, please do get in touch.

Our Response

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

1. North-East and North Cumbria ICB (NENC ICB) made total payments of £16.548m on ADHD Assessments during the period 1st April 2025 to 30th September 2025 with non-NHS providers.
2. NENC ICB does not have a contract with non-NHS providers, so on this basis we are unable to provide a breakdown.
3. The providers listed in question 1 are all via Right to Choose therefore the payments for the period in question for non-contract activity/Right to Choose is £16.548m.
4. The total budget for ADHD assessments for the 2025/26 financial year is £9.927m. As per the response to question 3, this is all for non-contract activity/Right to Choose.
5. NENC ICB as of 30 September 2025 was forecasting a total spend on ADHD assessments of £27.300m which is a forecast overspend of £17.373m. As per previous answers this all relates to non-contract activity/Right to Choose.

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 Information 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 ICB's complaints procedure.

The Information Commissioner can be contacted at Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF or 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. This will not affect your initial information request.

Yours faithfully

Information Governance Support Officer

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