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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 17 July 2026 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 the following information relating to Children's Continuing Care Personal Health Budgets (Direct Payments) that your ICB is responsible for.

1. Please provide the hourly rates currently used by your ICB when calculating funding for directly employed Personal Assistants/carers through a Children's Continuing Care Personal Health Budget Direct Payment.
2. For each rate, please state when it applies (for example daytime, waking night, sleeping night, weekend, bank holiday, enhanced clinical skills, team leader or any other category).
3. If your ICB does not have standard hourly rates, please explain how hourly rates are determined and provide an anonymised example of the hourly rates currently being funded for an employed Personal Assistant package approved during 2025/26.

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. For clients who are fully funded by Continuing Healthcare, the agreed hourly rate for a Personal Assistant is £16.50 per hour. Where a care package is jointly funded with the Local

Authority, the applicable Local Authority rate is used instead. Please note that these rates vary across the 14 Local Authorities within the region.

2. The hourly rate of £16.50 applies in all cases listed above, regardless of the type of support provided, including waking nights. Similarly, where a package is jointly funded with the Local Authority, the applicable Local Authority rate is used. This is applied as a flat rate and may vary between Local Authorities.
3. The ICB does have standard hourly rates. Please refer to the responses to questions 1 and 2.

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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