

Our Reference North East and North Cumbria ICB\
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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 19 August 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

I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information from North East and North Cumbria ICB on behalf of Allergy UK.

Please can you provide me with the following information:

1. How many patients with a coded diagnosis of allergic condition are being treated at primary care level from North East and North Cumbria ICB, data capture 1 July 2024 to 1 July 2025?

Allergic conditions include:

- a. Food allergy (including Cow's Milk, Egg, Wheat, Peanut, Tree nuts, Fish, Shellfish, Soya, Sesame)
- b. Drug allergy
- c. Insect venom allergy
- d. Latex allergy
- e. Anaphylaxis
- f. Allergic / atopic eczema
- g. Allergic / atopic asthma
- h. Allergic rhinitis / hay fever
- i. Allergic eye disease / Allergic rhino conjunctivitis

2. Of the patients coded above, how many patients have been referred to secondary care between 1st July 2024 to 1st July 2025?
3. Do you have access to a local dedicated allergy clinic that provides a comprehensive service for people suffering from allergic disease to go to when referred? (Yes or No answer)
4. How many specialists do you have supporting patients receiving care for allergies in North East and North Cumbria ICB?
 - a. specialist nurses trained in allergy (Answer 0, 1-3, 4-6, 7-10, 10+)
 - b. specialist dieticians trained in allergy (Answer 0, 1-3, 4-6, 7-10, 10+)
 - c. GPs with a special interest in allergy (coded GPwsi or GPwer) (Answer 0, 1-3, 4-6, 7-10, 10+)
5. How many patients have been prescribed an adrenaline autoinjector within your ICB?
6. How many patients have been prescribed extensively hydrolysed formula (EHF) (number) or amino acid formula AAF) (number) within your ICB?

Our Response

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.

1. 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. However, we have determined that the information is held by individual GP practices within the North East and North Cumbria region.

For your reference, a list of practices is available on the NHS Digital website: [GP and GP practice related data – NHS England Digital](#). The GP Practices full file name is **eppracur** and for your reference, NENC ICB's Organisation Data Service (ODS) code is **QMH**.

2. Please refer to the response to question 1.
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4. Please refer to the response to question 1.
5. 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. However, we have determined that the information is held by NHS Business Services Authority.

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 NHS Business Services Authority (BSA) – foirequests@nhsbsa.nhs.uk – to make your request.

You may wish to check the BSA publication scheme: <https://www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/what-we-do/publication-scheme>. Alternatively the information may be publicly accessible on their [Open Data Portal](#).

6. Please refer to the response to question 5.

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 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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