

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 18 September 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

1. What is your current waiting list size for MRI, CT, ultrasound, and non-obstetric ultrasound scans, by modality and site, as of July 2025?
2. What percentage of diagnostic imaging patients are currently waiting more than 6 weeks from referral?
3. Please list all diagnostic imaging contracts (CT, MRI, ultrasound) currently held with independent sector providers, including supplier name, scope, contract value, and expiry date.
4. How many patients have been referred to independent sector diagnostic providers under any formal agreements in the past 6 months?
5. Are there any plans to re-tender for diagnostic imaging services in the next 12 months? If yes, please specify modality and expected timeline
6. Do you operate or commission a Community Diagnostic Centre (CDC)? If yes, please state its location, imaging capacity by modality, and commissioning Trust or ICB.
7. What is the average utilisation rate of imaging services (by modality) at your CDC(s) in the last 3 months?
8. Has your CDC delivered to target capacity or been underutilised in the past 6 months? If not at capacity, what is the average shortfall?

Our Response

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We can confirm, as per Section 1(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, the ICB does hold the information 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, all waiting list data for diagnostics is published, and can be accessed from the following link: [Statistics » Monthly Diagnostic Waiting Times and Activity](#)

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.

2. Please refer to the response to question 1.
3. Please find details by ICB place:

County Durham, South Tyneside and Sunderland places
Nuffield – MRIs – 31/03/2026 (end date)

Newcastle Gateshead place

West Road Medical Group, Newcastle – ECG – 31/03/2026 (end date) tariff based
Westerhope Medical Group, Newcastle – ECG – 31/03/2026 (end date) tariff based
Wrekton Medical Group, Gateshead – ECG – 31/03/2026 (end date) tariff based

North Cumbria place

Mansion House Surgery – Diagnostic Services – Direct Access Non-obstetric Ultrasound Service 31st March 2026 (end date) £135,942
Modality LLP – Diagnostic Service – Direct Access Magnetic Resonance Imaging service 31st March 2026 (end date) £44,049

North Tyneside and Northumberland place

InHealth Ltd – budget £30,000 – 31/03/2027 (end date), tariff based
Morpeth Primary Care Centre – Greystoke – budget is £43,559 – 31/03/2027 (end date)

Tees Valley place

Ramsey – MRIs – 31/03/2026 (end date)
InHealth TLHC Cohort 1 – 01/04/2022 to 31/03/2026 – £1,912,969.20 pa
InHealth TLHC Cohort 2 – 24/10/2024 to 23/10/2028 – £2,804,182.00 pa

4. Please refer to the response to question 1.
5. The ICB has no plans to re-tender for diagnostic imaging services in the next 12 months.
6. Yes, the ICB commissions Community Diagnostic Centres. Location, capacity and modality is included within the attached spreadsheet.
7. Please refer to the attached spreadsheet.
8. Please refer to the attached spreadsheet.

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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