

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 21 May 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 treat this email as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. If responsibility for any information requested has transferred – or transfers while a response is being compiled – to another ICB or successor body, could you please transfer the request internally to ensure a response is provided? My questions are:

1. Current in-centre haemodialysis patient numbers

Please provide the total number of patients receiving in-centre haemodialysis in the most recent complete available month for each dialysis unit in your area by name.

Please also provide for each dialysis unit in your area by name the number of these patients prescribed:

- a. Two haemodialysis sessions per week
- b. Three haemodialysis sessions per week
- c. Any other frequency of haemodialysis (please specify frequency categories used)

2. Two haemodialysis sessions per week

For the total number of patients prescribed two in-centre haemodialysis sessions per week (the total at point 1a above) please provide the total number who:

- a. Didn't originally start dialysis on two sessions per week and have since transitioned to 2 sessions per week.
- b. Started on two sessions per week due to renal unit capacity issues.
- c. Started on two sessions per week due to other reasons.

3. Historical monthly patient numbers

Please provide the data requested in question 1 for each of the last twelve complete calendar months.

Where possible, please provide the information requested in Questions 1, 2 and 3 in spreadsheet format. If any part of this request exceeds cost limits under the Freedom of Information Act, please provide the information that can be supplied within the limit and advise how the request may be refined.

Definitions:

For the purposes of this request:

- "In-centre haemodialysis" refers to maintenance haemodialysis delivered in NHS or commissioned satellite dialysis units, excluding home haemodialysis and acute inpatient dialysis
- "Most recent month" means the latest complete calendar month for which data is held

Our Response

1. 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. 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 the acute hospital NHS foundation trusts (FTs) within the North East and North Cumbria region.

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 contacts for those foundation trusts to make your request.

NENC Acute Hospital FTs	Email/Online portal
County Durham and Darlington NHS FT	cdda-tr.cddftfoi@nhs.net
Gateshead Health NHS FT	ghnt.foi.enquiries@nhs.net
North Cumbria Integrated Care NHS FT	foirequest@cumbria.nhs.uk
North Tees and Hartlepool NHS FT	nth-tr.foi@nhs.net
Northumbria Healthcare NHS FT	foi@northumbria.nhs.uk
South Tees Hospitals NHS FT	stees.foi.admin@nhs.net
South Tyneside and Sunderland NHS FT	stsft@infreemation.co.uk
The Newcastle upon Tyne Hospitals NHS FT	https://www.newcastle-hospitals.nhs.uk/help/foi/

2. Please refer to the response to question 1.
3. Please refer to the response to question 1.

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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