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By Email

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Dear Applicant

<u>Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information – NHS North East and North</u> <u>Cumbria Integrated Care Board (NENC ICB)</u>

Thank you for your request received on 25 June 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 NHS North East and North Cumbria ICB. Please may you provide me with:

- The total number of cath labs in your ICB
- The number of cath labs are in each Trust
- The age of each cath lab
- Any plans to refurbish any of these cath labs
- The volumes of private cardiology activity done in these NHS cath labs
- Any trusts within the ICB considering procuring managed cardiology services
- Volume of NHS Cath lab and Outpatient Cardiology Activity last three years, broken by HRG code
- Volume of Private Activity last three years, broken by CSSD code
- Revenue of total NHS cath lab activity, last three years
- Revenue of total Private cath lab activity, last three years
- Private pricing schedules for all private cardiology activity, cath lab and outpatients
- Profit & Loss last three years for private cath lab activity
- Waiting list time by HRG code for cath lab procedure as of 1st June 2025
- Waiting list time for New Patient Consultation as of 1st June 2025

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- Waiting list time for Cardiac CT as of 1st June 2025
- Waiting list time for Cardiac MRI as of 1st June 2025
- Waiting list time for Transthoracic Echo as of 1st June 2025
- Waiting list time for ambulatory monitor fitting as of 1st June 2025
- 12 month and 24 month re-do rate of Atrial Fibrillation procedures
- 12-, 24- and 36-month Morbidity and Mortality rate for PCI
- Residual book value of all cardiac assets in current inventory
- Any Outsourced work to IS providers and if so, the volumes of activity you outsource, and the revenue values of outsourced activity, on a line-by-line basis
- Are you interested to explore a managed clinical services solution in your ICB to support the potential reclaim of VAT on your consumables and/or the opportunity to release working capital through a 'sale and leaseback' (technology transfer agreement) of equipment and assets?
- Are you interested to explore a 'cardiology movement hub', namely an IS provider developing an elective cardiology hub to provide cath lab procedures allowing the acute Trust in your ICB to concentrate on emergency and more complex activity to remove scheduling conflicts and so reduce waiting times?

Please provide the information in the form of an Excel document.

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. 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 email addresses for those foundation trusts to make your request.

NENC Acute Hospital FTs	Email
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	foi@nth.nhs.uk
Northumbria Healthcare NHS FT	foi@northumbria.nhs.uk
South Tees Hospitals NHS FT	foi@stees.nhs.uk
South Tyneside and Sunderland NHS FT	stsft.freedomofinformation@nhs.net
The Newcastle upon Tyne Hospitals NHS FT	nuth.freedom.information@nhs.net

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 <u>www.ico.org.uk</u>.

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 <u>www.legislation.gov.uk</u>. This will not affect your initial information request.

Yours faithfully

Information Governance Support Officer

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