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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 by North of England Commissioning Support (NECS) on 23 November 2024 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, Gateshead, Newcastle, North Cumbria, North Tyneside, Northumberland, South Tyneside, Sunderland, and Tees Valley (which covers the five local authorities of Darlington, Hartlepool, Middlesbrough, Redcar and Cleveland and Stockton-on-Tees).

Please find the information you requested on behalf of the ICB as follows.

**Your Request**

I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 regarding the capital spending budget allocated for small improvement grants NHS North East and Cumbria ICB. Specifically, I would like to know the following:

1. The total amount of capital funding allocated for small improvement grants by NHS North East and Cumbria for the current financial year and for the financial year ended 31/03/2024.
2. A breakdown of how this budget was spent, including:
  - a. The specific projects funded by the small improvement grants.
  - b. The amount allocated to each project or initiative.
  - c. The locations where the funds were spent.
  - d. The objectives or purposes of the improvements made using these funds.
  - e. The amount paid to organisations to prepare bids (such as Community Ventures).
3. Any supporting documentation, such as financial reports, project summaries, or other relevant records that provide details of the spending for small improvement grants during the specified period.

Please provide the information in electronic format (e.g., PDF or Excel) if possible.

## **Our Response**

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.

1. Capital funding is as follows:

2023/24: £1.6m for NENC ICB area

2024/25: £1.4m for NENC ICB area

2. Please see the attached spreadsheet for breakdown of 2023/24 spend. 2024/25 funding is being allocated, with the main priority to create increased clinical rooms within the footprint of their current premises so as not to have any ongoing revenue consequences.

3. The grant funding is released by NHS England and NENC ICB don't hold any further information in regard to the delivery of the schemes.

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 complaints procedure provided by the North of England Commissioning Support Unit.

The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office  
Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
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SK9 5AF

[www.ico.org.uk](http://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](http://www.legislation.gov.uk) . This will not affect your initial information request.

Yours sincerely

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