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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 24 May 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 enquiring about the details of any prescribing quality scheme/ prescribing incentive scheme you have in place for financial year 2025/26 between your Healthboard/ Integrated Care Board and your member GP practices within your area. Can you please provide the following information if possible:

1. When does the scheme run from and when does it end.
2. What does the GP practice need to do to achieve as part of the scheme.
3. What elements are within the scheme – can you be specific about the switches/ reviews/ medications included.
4. Which practices have agreed to the scheme.
5. What the payment is for the practice on achieving each element.

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.

County Durham place

Local Incentive Scheme from 1st April 2025 to 31st March 2026 The agreement is between ICB & PCNs rather than individual GP practices. Details of the scheme including payment schedule are attached.

Newcastle Gateshead place

Prescribing Engagement Scheme is in place for 25/26. Details of the scheme are attached.

North Cumbria place

Prescribing Incentive Scheme in place. Details of the scheme including payment schedule are attached.

North Tyneside place

Prescribing Incentive Scheme in place. Details of the scheme are attached including payment schedules.

Northumberland place

Medicines Management Engagement scheme is in place. Details of the scheme are attached. Practices will receive a £2000 basic payment per practice and then a share of the remaining PMM funding allocated across practices based on practice size (ASTRO PU). Practice payments also include an additional £834.46 per practice to allow for clinical cover for the prescribing lead to attend two meetings per year. PMMs, or their representative, are expected to attend a minimum of 4 PMM meetings during the year (2 face to face and 2 virtual).

South Tyneside place

There is no scheme in place in South Tyneside.

Sunderland place

Prescribing Engagement Scheme planned for 25/26 running from 1st April 2025 to 31st March 2026. The scheme engages with each PCNs rather than individual GP practices. Documentation has yet to be approved for this scheme.

Tees Valley place

There is no scheme in place in Tees Valley.

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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