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By Email

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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 9 March 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**

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, please could I request the following information:

1. Procurement Outsourcing

Does your organisation outsource its transactional procurement function? If yes, please provide:

- The name of the outsourced service provider
- The name of the outsourced platform or product
- The contract duration (in years)
- The contract end date

	Outsourced Transactional Procurement (yes/no)?	Name of the outsourced service provider?	Name of the outsourced platform/product?	Contract duration (in years)?	Contract end date?
Procurement Services					

2. Other procurement support

Does your organisation use a third party to deliver end-to-end procurement services (e.g., market insight, tendering, business cases)? If yes, please name the provider.

3. Net Zero Strategy

Does your organisation work with a third party supplier on its NHS Net Zero Strategy? If yes, please provide the supplier's name.

If you need any clarification, please let me know. I would appreciate it if you could email your response at your earliest convenience.

**Our Response**

We can confirm, as per Section 1(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, the ICB does hold the information requested.

1. Yes, NENC ICB does outsource its transactional procurement function. Please find the detail in the table below:

Outsourced Transactional Procurement (yes/no)?	Name of the outsourced service provider?	Name of the outsourced platform/product?	Contract duration (in years)?	Contract end date?
Yes	NHS SBS	Transactional Procurement Services	7 months	30/06/2026

2. The ICB obtains strategic procurement support from NHS North of England Commissioning System Support paid for by NHS England for direct commissioning services on behalf of the ICB. This will end as of 31 March 2027 with the demise of NHS England, and the ICB will become fully responsible for procurement of these services at that point.
3. The ICB works with Health Innovations North East and North Cumbria on its Net Zero Strategy.

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](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 faithfully

*Information Governance Support Officer*

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