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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 23 September 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 Freedom of Information Act I would like to request the following information:

1. Who are the ICB's current contracted providers for tertiary level IVF/Fertility Specialist services?
2. When was the last procurement exercise undertaken for IVF/Fertility Specialist services?
3. When is it expected the next procurement exercise will be undertaken for IVF/Fertility Specialist services?
4. Is there a fixed tariff for IVF? If so what is this, if not what is the tariff per current provider.
5. What volume of activity did the ICB commission for IVF and ICSI services per year from 22/23? (use table below)
6. What volume of activity did the ICB commission for IUI services per year from 22/23? (use table below)
7. What volume of egg and or sperm donor services did the ICB commission per year from 22/23? (use table below)

Total Commissioned activity	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27
IVF					
ICSI					
IUI					
Sperm Donation					
Egg Donation					

8. How was the above activity split per provider per year from 22/23? If this could be provided in the below format per provider.

Provider 1	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27
IVF					
ICSI					
IUI					
Sperm Donation					
Egg Donation					

Provider 2	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27
IVF					
ICSI					
IUI					
Sperm Donation					
Egg Donation					

I appreciate your help and time in providing this information please do not hesitate to contact me should any aspect of my request require clarification.

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. The current contracted providers are:

   Fertility services:
   - Gateshead Health NHS Foundation Trust
   - North Tees and Hartlepool NHS Foundation Trust
   - South Tees Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

   Tertiary services
   - South Tees Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
   - The Newcastle-upon-Tyne Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

2. The service forms part of the scope of services delivered under the existing NHS Standard Contract with the relevant Foundation Trust. The ICB has not undertaken a separate procurement process for this service in isolation, as it is included within the broader contractual arrangements with the provider.
3. There are no plans to procure this service.
4. Please refer to the attached spreadsheet.

5. Please refer to the attached spreadsheet.
6. Please refer to the attached spreadsheet.
7. Please refer to the attached spreadsheet.
8. Please refer to the attached spreadsheet.

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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