

Our Reference North East and North Cumbria ICB\
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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 6 July 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, I would like to request the following information regarding services for adults with learning disabilities and/or autism.

1. Please could you supply the name, email address and telephone number of the commissioner with responsibility for learning disabilities placements?

For questions 2 to 4, please supply this information as a snapshot at the end of the year for the financial year 2025/26 and the most up to date snapshot available for 2026/27.

2. Please provide the total number of adults aged 18-64 with learning disabilities and/or autism funded by the ICB in residential care.
3. Of the total number of adults aged 18-64 with learning disabilities and/or autism funded by the ICB in residential care (q.2), please provide the number that are in 'in area' placements and the number that are in 'out of area' placements.
4. Please provide the total number of adults aged 18-64 with learning disabilities and/or autism funded by the ICB in supported living.

5. Please provide the ICB's total expenditure on residential care and supported living for adults aged 18-64 with learning disabilities and/or autism for the financial year 2025/26, and budgeted expenditure for 2026/27.
6. Please provide the highest, lowest, and average weekly rate paid by the ICB for residential care placements for adults aged 18-64 with learning disabilities and/or autism for each of the financial years 2025/26 and 2026/27. If the ICB has weekly rate bands, please also provide these.
7. Please provide the number of adults aged 18-64 with learning disabilities and/or autism funded by the ICB in residential care with fees per week of:
 - a. Less than £1,500
 - b. £1,500 to £2,999
 - c. £3,000 to £4,999
 - d. £5,000 or more
8. Please provide a list of providers used by the ICB to deliver long-term residential care to adults aged 18-64 with learning disabilities and/or autism. For each named provider, please provide both of the following for the same single month — the most recent full calendar month available (or, if a single month cannot be provided, the financial year 2025/26):
 - a. the number of such adults funded by the ICB in long-term residential placements with that provider in that month; and
 - b. the ICB's total gross expenditure with that provider for that month, including all payments for these placements (e.g. any block/core hours).

Please use the same month for (a) and (b) and confirm which month, so the two figures are directly comparable.

Our Response

1. Kate OBrien is Director of Nursing, Mental Health, Learning Disabilities, Autism and Complex Care. Please direct all queries to Kate OBrien using the ICB's central mailbox nencicb-sun.reception@nhs.net marked for her attention. Alternatively, please telephone the ICB's Switchboard on 0191-535-4288.
2. NENC ICB holds information for the following ICB places: County Durham, Newcastle Gateshead, North Cumbria, South Tyneside and Tees Valley. This information is detailed in the table below:

Question	2025/26	2026/27
2.	314	115
3. In area	301	Information not held
3. Out of area	13	Information not held
4	370	Information not held
6. Lowest	£837.00	£870.00
6. Average	£4195.00	£3918.00
6. Highest	£10,869.00	£10,869.00
7a.	22	29
7b.	21	25
7c.	24	34
7d	26	28

Notes:

- 1) *The response relates to County Durham, Newcastle Gateshead, North Cumbria, South Tyneside and Tees Valley.*
- 2) *The information provided only relates to CHC fully funded packages and not joint packages.*

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 for North Tyneside, Northumberland and Sunderland. 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 for these ICB places. However, we have determined that the information is held by their local authorities.

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 contacts for those local authorities.

NENC Local Authorities	Email/Online portal
North Tyneside Council	foiofficer@northtyneside.gov.uk
Northumberland County Council	Information Governance – Northumberland CC
Sunderland City Council	freedom.information@sunderland.gov.uk

3. Please refer to the table above and the response to question 2.
4. Please refer to the table above and the response to question 2.
5. The ICB's expenditure was £36,802,301 in 2025/26 and budgeted expenditure for 2026/27 is £38,669,699.
6. Please refer to the table above and the response to question 2.
7. Please refer to the table above and the response to question 2.
8. On this occasion it is not possible 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.

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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