

Our Reference North East and North Cumbria ICB\  
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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 27 January 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 provide the information below.

The NHS 10-Year Plan states that all systems are expected to expand access to urgent and emergency care at home and in the community, in line with the Urgent and Emergency Care (UEC) Plan 2025–26. Please answer each of the 11 questions below separately.

**Section 1: Existence of Plans**

1. Does the ICB currently have an Urgent and Emergency Care (UEC) plan?
2. If a UEC plan exists, is it a single ICB-wide plan?
3. If not, are there multiple local UEC plans?
4. If there are multiple local plans, please list the localities covered.
5. If the ICB uses another arrangement for UEC planning, please describe this.
6. If any UEC plan(s) exist, please provide a copy of each plan or a link to where the plan(s) can be accessed.

**Section 2: Development and Timescales**

7. If the ICB does not currently have a UEC plan, does it intend to develop one?
8. If development is planned or underway, what are the expected timescales for producing, approving or publishing the plan?

### Section 3: Leadership and Responsibility

9. Does the ICB have a designated lead for UEC planning?
10. Does the ICB have any senior officers with responsibility for UEC planning?
11. For each relevant lead or senior officer, please provide:
  - a. Name
  - b. Job title
  - c. Email address

### **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 currently has an Urgent and Emergency Care (UEC) plan.
2. This is not a single ICB wide plan.
3. The plans in place are noted below:
  - Single system wide plan for key initiatives and programmes of work
  - Commissioning Intentions document which includes intentions for future UEC plans
  - Operational Winter plans are held by the ICB and are consolidated from each ICB Trust plan
  - Local A&E Delivery Boards (LAEDB) have locality specific plans
4. The localities covered are:

North LAEDB – covering North Cumbria, Northumberland, Newcastle, Gateshead  
STS LAEDB – Sunderland and South Tyneside  
CDD LAEDB – County Durham and Darlington  
Tees Valley LAEDB – covering North and South Tees, Darlington
5. NENC ICB does not use another arrangement for UEC planning.
6. The plans can be accessed via the following links:

NENC ICB Winter Plan 2025/26: [https://northeastnorthcumbria.nhs.uk/media/zgcpqp3l/item-14a-nenc-ics-winter-plan-2025\\_26-final-draft.pdf](https://northeastnorthcumbria.nhs.uk/media/zgcpqp3l/item-14a-nenc-ics-winter-plan-2025_26-final-draft.pdf)

Commissioning Intentions 2026/27:

<https://northeastnorthcumbria.nhs.uk/media/t5hdcoo5/nenc-mtp-commissioning-intentions-2627.pdf>

The ICB Operational Plan 2025/26 is a consolidation of individual Trust / local system plans.

7. Please refer to the response to question 1.
8. Please refer to the response to question 1.
9. NENC ICB has a designated lead for UEC planning.
10. NENC ICB has senior officers with responsibility for UEC planning.
11. Contact details for these colleagues are noted below:

Jacqueline Myers, Chief Strategy Officer, email: [necsu.icbplanning@nhs.net](mailto:necsu.icbplanning@nhs.net)

Craig Blair, Director of Strategy, Planning and Performance, email [necsu.icbplanning@nhs.net](mailto:necsu.icbplanning@nhs.net)

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, Wycliff 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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