

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 August 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

1. The total net internal area of premises funded under GP premises reimbursement in the financial year 2024-2025 for the ICB area.
2. The total net internal area of premises required by GP practices in the ICB for this period as determined by the de minimis calculations.

To clarify, as I understand it the ICB estates team use a calculation based on the list size of a practice to work out how many square meters of space they require to deliver services. This is the figure I'm looking for aggregated up for the ICB area.

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.

1. Section 12(1) of the FOIA provides that a public authority is not obliged to respond to a request for information if the cost of locating, retrieving, and extracting information and preparing the response can be included in the costs for these purposes.

It is estimated that it would averagely take a member of staff approximately 15 minutes to obtain the requested information from electronic records held. Allocating 15 minutes per transaction, the NENC ICB estimates that 450 records x 15 minutes = 6,750 minutes divided by 60 = 112.5 hours to extract the level of detail requested from these records. NENC ICB is therefore unable to provide the requested information within the prescribed limit.

Please note that the ICB receives CMR1 (current market rental) forms from the District Valuer. NENC ICB does not hold data for Community Health Partnerships or NHS Property Services premises. In addition, in a small number of cases, where the former PCT agreed to rent uplifts according to the lease with no District Valuer, involvement NENC ICB will not hold that information.

Based on the number of hours (112.5) at a rate of £25 per hour the estimated cost of providing the information is £2,812.50. Should you wish to proceed we will be able to comply with your request upon receipt of payment.

You may wish to reduce the scope of your request so that it comes in under the appropriate limit. However, in accordance with our duty to provide advice and assistance under s.16 FOIA 2000, we cannot estimate that we would be able to supply you with data that fully represents the information held by NENC ICB in respect of practice internal areas if you wish to refine and submit a revised request.

Alternatively, you may wish to approach Community Health Partnerships, NHS Property Services or individual practices to request this information.

For your reference, a list of practices is available on the NHS Digital website: [GP and GP practice related data – NHS England Digital](#) The GP Practices full file name is **epraccur** and for your reference, NENC ICB's Organisation Data Service (ODS) code is **QMH**.

The Community Health Partnership website address is [Community Health Partnerships](#).

The FOI address for NHS Property Services is customer.service@property.nhs.uk. Please write "Freedom of Information" in the subject line.

2. The estimated figure for total net internal area is approximately 323,000 sqm.

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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