

Our Reference North East and North Cumbria ICB\
FOI ICB 26-095

North East and North Cumbria ICB
Pemberton House
Colima Avenue
Sunderland Enterprise Park
Sunderland
SR5 3XB

Tel: 0191 535 4288
E-mail: nencicb.foi@nhs.net

By Email

24 June 2026

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 28 May 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, I would be grateful if you could provide the following information relating to commissioned ophthalmology services within your Integrated Care Board region.

For the purposes of this request, please exclude primary care General Ophthalmic Services (GOS) routine sight testing and standard optometry services. However, please include commissioned community ophthalmology, ophthalmology, diagnostic, treatment, surgical and referral management services where applicable.

Please provide the following information for the most recent full financial year available (and preferably also for the current financial year where available). I would prefer the information in electronic format.

1. Current commissioned providers

- a. Please provide a list of all organisations currently commissioned to provide eye care services within the ICB area, including:
 - NHS trusts
 - Community providers
 - Independent sector providers

b. For each provider, please include:

- Provider name
- Contract start date
- Contract end date

2. Services/pathways delivered

For each provider identified above, please specify:

- The services and/or pathways commissioned
- The subspecialty or pathway where applicable

Examples may include (but are not limited to):

- Cataract assessment/surgery
- Glaucoma monitoring/refinement
- Medical retina
- YAG laser
- Vitreoretinal services
- Oculoplastics
- Minor ophthalmic procedures
- Diagnostic imaging/OCT
- Virtual clinics

3. Activity volumes

For each provider, please provide:

- Total annual activity volume
- The percentage share of total eye care activity within the ICB that this represents

If percentage share is not already held, please provide the raw activity figures sufficient to calculate this.

4. Contract values

For each provider, please provide:

- Annual contract value

If exact figures are considered commercially sensitive, please provide values in bands where possible.

5. Procurement and commissioning intentions

Please provide:

- Details of any planned procurements, retenders or market engagement exercises relating to eye care services within the next 24 months
- Any current review, transformation, or redesign programmes relating to ophthalmology or community eye care pathways

Our Response

1. Organisations currently commissioned to provide eye care services within the ICB area are detailed on the attached spreadsheet.
2. Please refer to the response to question 1.
3. Costed activity held for NHS providers and is provided on the attached spreadsheet. 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 independent sector providers.

4. Contract values are detailed on the attached spreadsheet where held. Please note the following:
- The independent sector providers figures are based on the contract value for the ophthalmology speciality for 2026/27.
 - The foundation trust providers figures are based on the costed activity delivered in 2025/26 for the ophthalmology speciality.
 - This is not necessarily the contract value as some elements (such as outpatient follow ups) will be part of the block contract and for elective activity we commission up to a capped value
 - We've not yet agreed 2026/27 IAPs (due end of June 2026)
 - The figures provided exclude paediatric ophthalmology
5. 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

**Information Governance Support Officer
North East and North Cumbria Integrated Care Board**