

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 23 May 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

Please provide the following information for the last three financial years: 2022–2023, 2023–2024, and 2024–2025 (to date):

1. Has your ICB provided funding to any women's organisations supporting victims/survivors of Violence against Women and Girls (VAWG) – including but not limited to domestic abuse, sexual assault? For each organisation funded, please include name of the organisation, total amount of funding allocated, purpose of the funding / description of service supported.
2. Has your ICB provided funding to any VAWG organisation led by and for Black and minoritised women? For each organisation funded, please include name of the organisation, total amount of funding allocated, purpose of the funding / description of service supported.
3. Has your ICB collaborated or engaged with VAWG organisations led by and for Black and minoritised women since 2022? If yes, describe the nature of collaboration.
4. Please confirm whether any engagement or commissioning of VAWG organisations led by and for Black and minoritised women is planned.
5. Has NHS Women's Health Hub funding been used to support VAWG services in your ICB area? If yes, please specify how.
6. Has your ICB conducted any Equality Impact Assessments relating to the commissioning of VAWG services since 2022? If yes, please provide the relevant documents.

7. What monitoring or evaluation processes are in place to assess whether funded VAWG services are reaching and effectively supporting Black and minoritised women?
8. Please provide any guidance documents or commissioning strategies used by the ICB when making funding decisions related to VAWG.

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.

County Durham place

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 County Durham place. 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. However, we have determined that the information is held by the Durham Police and Crime Commissioner (DPCC) who commissions that SARC service in Durham.

In accordance with our duty under s.16 of the FOIA to provide reasonable advice and assistance to an individual requesting information, the FOI email address for DPCC is pcvcmedia@durham-pcc.gov.uk.

Newcastle Gateshead place

In response to question 1, funding of £18,207.00 per annum is provided to Rape Crisis Tyneside and Northumberland. Their website is <https://rctn.org.uk/>.

For the remaining questions, the ICB part fund with local authorities who hold the contracts. You may wish to redirect your queries to the local authorities in the Newcastle Gateshead area.

NENC Local Authorities	Email
Gateshead Council	informationrights@gateshead.gov.uk
Newcastle City Council	freedomofinformation@newcastle.gov.uk

North Cumbria place

1. Yes, Safety Net are funded, and they provide the therapy element of the SARC provision. In previous years they have also been funded to provide support to refugee and asylum seekers. Funding is approximately £70,000 per annum.
2. Please refer to the response to question 1.
3. The ICB has not collaborated or engaged with VAWG organisations led by and for Black and minoritised women since 2022 in North Cumbria.
4. Please refer to the response to question 3.
5. No, NHS Women's Health Hub funding has not been used to support VAWG services in North Cumbria.
6. NENC ICB in North Cumbria has not conducted any Equality Impact Assessments relating to the commissioning of VAWG services since 2022.
7. There is no monitoring or evaluation processes in place to assess whether funded VAWG services are reaching and effectively supporting Black and minoritised women.
8. There are no guidance documents held for North Cumbria ICB place.

Northumberland and North Tyneside

1. Yes, NENC ICB has provided funding in Northumberland and North Tyneside ICB place as follows. Funding for Rape Crisis Tyneside Northumberland (RCTN) is:

Year	Northumberland	North Tyneside
2022/23	£9,344.40	£4,783.88
2023/24	£12,653	£6,479
2024/25	£12,728.92	£6,518

The service provides support and counselling to girls/women, including those identifying as transgender and non-binary, aged 13 and over who have experienced sexual violence at any point in their lives. The key issues that the service can address are adult rape/sexual assault and childhood sexual abuse issues.

2. The ICB has not provided funding to any VAWG organisation led by and for Black and minoritised women in North Tyneside and Northumberland.
3. The ICB has not collaborated or engaged with VAWG organisations led by and for Black and minoritised women since 2022 in Northumberland and North Tyneside.
4. There has been no engagement or commissioning of VAWG organisations in this ICB place.
5. NHS Women's Health Hub funding has not been used to support VAWG services in this ICB place.
6. The ICB has not conducted any Equality Impact Assessments relating to the commissioning of VAWG services since 2022 in Northumberland and North Tyneside.
7. There are no monitoring or evaluation processes in place to assess whether funded VAWG services are reaching and effectively supporting Black and minoritised women.
8. Please see the links below to guidance documents/commissioning strategies used by the ICB in this ICB place.

<https://my.northtyneside.gov.uk/sites/default/files/web-page-related-files/FINAL%20-%20Domestic%20Abuse%20Strategy.pdf>

Joint Strategic Needs Assessment [Northumberland County Council - Joint Strategic Needs and Asset Assessment \(JSNAA\)](#)

Northumberland Domestic Abuse Needs Assessment [Domestic Abuse](#)

Please note Northumberland (via the Mental Health VCSE Alliance) has funded for three consecutive years 'Being Woman Promoting Equality, Diversity & Inclusion!'. The organisation is a registered charity and seeks to educate and empower women and the wider community by promoting diversity, equality and justice for all. [Being Woman](#)

South Tyneside and Sunderland

1. Yes, NENC ICB granted revenue funding for two elements of domestic abuse support via a partnership agreement with Sunderland City Council (SCC) in each of the years mentioned. This was/is for Sunderland residents only. Funding pays for:
 - a. GP Advocacy services (IDVA support, training and capacity building to support early identification, referral and intervention of abuse within general practice). This totals £50,540 per year of investment. SCC contracts this via Wearside Women in Need (WWIN).

- b. Counselling support (adults/children). This totals £55,856 per year. As above SCC contracts this via WWIN, with c250 victims/survivors receiving between 3 and 12 sessions annually.

We also fund Sunderland Counselling Service £204,259 per year to provide counselling for survivors of sexual violence and abuse.

The ICB does not commission any such services in South Tyneside.

2. NENC ICB has not provided funding to any VAWG organisation led by and for Black and minoritised women in Sunderland and South Tyneside.
3. NENC ICB has not collaborated or engaged with VAWG organisations led by and for Black and minoritised women since 2022.
4. Engagement or commissioning of VAWG organisations led by and for Black and minoritised women is not planned in Sunderland and South Tyneside.
5. No, NHS Women's Health Hub funding has not been used to support VAWG services.
6. NENC ICB has not conducted any Equality Impact Assessments relating to the commissioning of VAWG services in Sunderland and South Tyneside.
7. There is no monitoring or evaluation processes in place to assess whether funded VAWG services are reaching and effectively supporting Black and minoritised women.
8. Joint Strategic Needs Assessments; Sunderland Domestic Violence and VAWG Strategy.

Tees Valley

The ICB does not commission directly in Tees Valley ICB place. However, through our community mental health (CMH) partnerships with VCSE organisations we have a lead organisation in each of our 5 local authority areas. They work alongside a number of partners, some of them such as My Sister's Place in Middlesbrough will receive funding as sub-contractors of the lead organisation. Also, we have Harbour working in partnership in some areas.

We also commission a BAME lead in Tees Esk and Wear Valleys as part of the CMH scope. Beauty works across Tees Valley supporting BAME and migrant communities to access mental health services and broader support. Whilst her role isn't directly and expressly for VAWG, I have no doubt that she has supported individual women and girls who have experienced violence as part of her role.

We don't have contract values as such because of the model we use with our VCSE partners.

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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