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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 16 October 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

I am writing to make a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Please provide the following information for all GP practices within your Integrated Care Board area:

- 1. The name of each GP practice
- 2. The practice address and postcode
- 3. The practice ODS code (Organisation Data Service code)
- 4. The names of all GP partners at each practice
- 5. The GMC numbers of all GP partners (where held)
- 6. The work email addresses for all GP partners (where held)

If possible, please provide this information in a spreadsheet format (Excel or CSV).

If any part of this request is unclear, or if you need any clarification, please contact me as soon as possible. If you need any further information from me, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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.

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

In accordance with s.21 of the FOIA, we are not required to provide information in response to a request if it is reasonably accessible to you by other means.

- 2. Please refer to the response to question 1.
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- 4. 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. However, we have estimated that to provide you with the required information, would exceed the cost limit of £450 for the NHS as specified in the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004.

S.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 10 minutes to obtain the requested information from each GP practice folder (335 in total) system. Allocating 10 minutes per transaction, the NENC ICB estimates that 335 records x 10 minutes = 3350 minutes divided by 60 = 55.8 hours to extract the level of detail requested from our folder system. NENC ICB is therefore unable to provide the requested information within the prescribed limit.

In accordance with our duty to provide advice and assistance under s.16 FOIA 2000, we estimate that we would be able to supply you with the requested data for approximately 109 practices within the appropriate limit, should you wish to refine and submit a revised request.

Based on the number of hours (55.8) at a rate of £25 per hour the estimated cost of providing the information is £1395. Should you wish to proceed we will be able to comply with your request upon receipt of payment. Alternatively, you may wish to reduce the scope of your request so that it comes in under the appropriate limit.

- 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.
- 6. Please refer to the response to question 6.

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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