

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 19 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

We are formally asking your assistance by providing us with the answers to our questions below.

Child ASD assessment

1. How many patients are on your waiting list today?
2. What is the longest waiting time for patients on your waiting list?
3. What is the average waiting time for patients on your waiting list?

Child ADHD assessment

1. How many patients are on your waiting list today?
2. What is the longest waiting time for patients on your waiting list?
3. What is the average waiting time for patients on your waiting list?

Adult ASD assessment

1. How many patients are on your waiting list today?
2. What is the longest waiting time for patients on your waiting list?
3. What is the average waiting time for patients on your waiting list?

Adult ADHD assessment

1. How many patients are on your waiting list today?

2. What is the longest waiting time for patients on your waiting list?
3. What is the average waiting time for patients on your waiting list?

Complaints

The original request from the applicant stated FOI request to HCPC, GMC and NMC.

1. In 2025, how many complaints did you receive about professionals you regulate regarding their role in ASD and/or ADHD diagnostic assessments?
2. Of the above complaints, how many of these were concerned with patients not getting a diagnosis of ASD and/or ADHD?

The clarified request asked:

1. We would like to know how many complaints within 2025, did you receive about professionals you regulate regarding their role in ASD and/or ADHD diagnostic assessments?
2. From the above complaints, how many of these professionals were concerned with patients not getting a diagnosis of ASD and/or ADHD?

Our Response

Child ASD assessment

1. 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. 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 mental health hospital NHS foundation trusts (FTs) and right to choose providers within the North East and North Cumbria region.

In accordance with our duty under s.16 of the FOIA to provide reasonable advice and assistance to an individual requesting information, we have provided the FOI contacts for those foundation trusts (below) and right to choose providers (attached) to make your request.

NENC Mental Health Hospital FTs	Email
Cumbria, Northumberland, Tyne and Wear NHS FT	foi@cntw.nhs.uk
Tees, Esk and Wear Valleys NHS FT	tewv.foi@nhs.net

2. Please refer to the response to question 1.
3. Please refer to the response to question 1.

Child ADHD assessment

Please refer to the responses to questions 1 to 3 for Child ASD assessment.

Adult ASD assessment

Please refer to the responses to questions 1 to 3 for Child ASD assessment.

Adult ADHD assessment

Please refer to the responses to questions 1 to 3 for Child ASD assessment.

Complaints

1. The ICB do not regulate any professionals who undertake ASD/ADHD Assessments.

However, we have determined that the information is held by the provider of the service or the professional regulation bodies such as the GMC and NMC. In accordance with our duty under s.16 of the FOIA to provide reasonable advice and assistance to an individual requesting information, we have provided the FOI contacts for those bodies to make your request.

Professional body	FOI email/Online portal
General Medical Council (GMC)	foi@gmc-uk.org .
Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC)	Submit a FOI– The NMC

2. Please refer to the response to question 1.

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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