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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 31 July 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 conducting an up-to-date survey of ICBs regarding Primary Care Network (PCN) membership within ICBs/ICSs. May I please request, under the Freedom of Information Act and Regulations, the following:

1. How many Practices within your ICB have not signed up to PCNs? Please give names of practices.
2. How many Practices within your ICB have not joined PCNs AND not signed data-sharing agreements with any PCN to give full access to patients' records? Please give names of practices.
3. If there are such Practices within your ICB who have not signed up to PCNs and not signed data-sharing agreements with any PCN, then what is the ICB's strategy for providing the PCN services to the patients of such Practices?
4. If ICB has a local agreement with practices that have not signed up to PCNs and not signed data-sharing agreements with any PCN to provide PCN services to own practice population, please provide a copy of such local agreement.

## Our Response

We can confirm, as per Section 1(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, the ICB does hold the information requested.

1. There are 2 practices within North East and North Cumbria ICB who haven't signed up to PCNs – Riverdale Surgery and The Adderland Surgery.
2. 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 sharing arrangements. However, we have determined that the information is held by PCNs 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, a list of Primary Care Networks is available on the NHS Digital website: [GP and GP practice related data – NHS England Digital](#) The PCN full file name is **epcn** and for your reference, NENC ICB's Organisation Data Service (ODS) code is **QMH**.

3. For the 2 practices not signed up to PCN, NENC ICB supports the practice alongside West PCN, so patients do not miss out on any services the patients can access.
4. Please find a copy of the Local Incentive Service (LIS) as 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 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](http://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](http://www.legislation.gov.uk). This will not affect your initial information request.

Yours faithfully

*Information Governance Support Officer*

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