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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 28 September 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

I wish for you to provide me with the number of strokes (CVA'S) suffered by residents of Northumberland for each calendar year between and including 2015 and 2025. For years 2021 to 2025 I request this data by month also.

I would also like this data to be broken down into ages and ALL types of stroke, i.e. TIA, Cerebral Haemorrhage, TACI, Cerebral Venous Sinus, VITT, etc.

Clarification
Basically, it is any admission to hospital or presentation at a GP surgery for ANY CVA from January 2015 to December 2025.

I have looked at the specific ICD-10 Codes on the internet (I'd have assumed that the NHS and its staff would be aware of these particular codes but have enclosed them anyway).

Specifically, any ICD-10 CODE from 160 to 164 but ideally ICD-10 163 (all entries across sub codes 163) and ICD-10 G453 (Inc all sub codes).

Our Response

We can confirm, as per Section 1(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, the ICB does hold the information requested. This is detailed in the spreadsheet attached.

Please note the data is for Northumberland patients and taken from the secondary usage service (SUS) data the ICB receives from hospital trusts.

In some cases, the number of individuals is fewer than five (5) so the figure has been suppressed. This is because disclosure of very small numbers may increase the risk of identifying individuals, particularly when combined with other information that may already be available. The information is therefore exempt from disclosure under Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, as disclosure would constitute the release of personal data and would be contrary to the principles of the UK General Data Protection Regulation (UK GDPR).

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, 4th Floor, No. 3 Circle Square, 5 Hawkshaw Street, Manchester, M1 7BL 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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