

Our Reference North East and North Cumbria ICB\
FOI ICB 24-279

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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 by North of England Commissioning Support (NECS) on 8 October 2024 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, Gateshead, Newcastle, North Cumbria, North Tyneside, Northumberland, South Tyneside, Sunderland, and Tees Valley (which covers the five local authorities of Darlington, Hartlepool, Middlesbrough, Redcar and Cleveland and Stockton-on-Tees).

Please find the information you requested on behalf of the ICB as follows.

Your Request

Please can you provide the following information, under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, linked to all CHC funded packages for your ICB, for both children and adults.

1. What is your monthly, quarterly, and annual CHC spend for adults?
2. What is your monthly, quarterly, and annual CHC spend for CYP?
3. What levels/volumes of referrals in total package hours that you put out to market each week/month/quarter/year, based on the last 12 months activity, for both children and adults?
4. What are the numbers of package types referred by your ICB CHC team monthly, quarterly, annually, based on the last 12 months, covering the following conditions:
 - a. Spinal injury,
 - b. ABI,
 - c. Tracheostomy and ventilation,
 - d. Long term complex conditions.

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.

Questions 1 and 2

NENC ICB has responded to questions 1 and 2 on behalf of the whole ICB, except South Tyneside 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 in respect of South Tyneside. 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 South Tyneside Council.

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 email address for the council, this is foi@southtyneside.gov.uk

Q1: Spend for Adult CHC:

Annual	£452.6m
Quarterly	£113.2m
Monthly	£37.7m

Q2: Spend for Children CC:

Annual	£36.8m
Quarterly	£9.2m
Monthly	£3.1m

Questions 3 and 4

NENC ICB has responded to questions 1 and 2 on behalf of the whole ICB, except South Tyneside place. To confirm, the information is not held for South Tyneside.

County Durham, Sunderland and Tees Valley places

Q3: Packages of care are purchased based on need and are not via a market.

Q4: The CHC system does not record referrals according to the diagnosis.

Newcastle Gateshead, North Cumbria, North Tyneside and Northumberland places

Q3: Levels/volumes of referrals in total package hours are not recorded in these ICB places.

Q4: Numbers of packaged types of these conditions is not recorded in these ICB places.

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 complaints procedure provided by the North of England Commissioning Support Unit.

The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

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 sincerely

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