



North East and North Cumbria

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By Email

Dear

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 21 September 2023 for information held by NHS North East and North Cumbria Integrated Care Board (NENC ICB) under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

NENC ICB covers the areas of County Durham, Gateshead, Newcastle, North Cumbria, North Tyneside, Northumberland, South Tyneside, Sunderland and Tees Valley (which covers the 5 councils that make it up – Darlington, Hartlepool, Middlesbrough, Redcar & Cleveland and Stockton-on-Tees).

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

Your Request

Please provide data for all ICBs for which you manage FOI requests, and the corresponding CCGs that came before.

If all the below questions cannot be answered within the appropriate time limit, please answer them in order until the limit is reached.

1. How many assessments for Children and Young People's Continuing Care were completed in each of the following financial years?
 - i) 2018/19
 - ii) 2019/20
 - iii) 2020/21
 - iv) 2021/22
 - v) 2022/23

- vi) A combined total between 1 April 2018 and 31 March 2023
2. Of the completed assessments outlined in question 1, how many resulted in the individual being assessed as eligible for Children and Young People's Continuing Care? Please break down the figures by the following financial years.
- i) 2018/19
 - ii) 2019/20
 - iii) 2020/21
 - iv) 2021/22
 - v) 2022/23
 - vi) A combined total between 1 April 2018 and 31 March 2023
3. Of the completed assessments outlined in question 1, how many resulted in the individual being assessed as not eligible for Children and Young People's Continuing Care? Please break down the figures by the following financial years.
- i) 2018/19
 - ii) 2019/20
 - iii) 2020/21
 - iv) 2021/22
 - v) 2022/23
 - vi) A combined total between 1 April 2018 and 31 March 2023
4. What was the total number of individuals in receipt of Children and Young People's Continuing Care in each of the following financial years?
- i) 2018/19
 - ii) 2019/20
 - iii) 2020/21
 - iv) 2021/22
 - v) 2022/23

Please understand this as a total of all individuals in receipt of Children and Young People's Continuing Care, even if they later became no longer eligible within that same financial year. The figure should also include those that were already eligible at the beginning of the financial year, in addition to any that became newly eligible within the financial year.

5. What was the total budget spent on individuals in receipt of Children and Young People's Continuing Care in each of the following financial years?
- i) 2018/19
 - ii) 2019/20
 - iii) 2020/21
 - iv) 2021/22
 - v) 2022/23
6. How many local resolution requests to review an eligibility decision were completed in the following financial years?
- i) 2018/19
 - ii) 2019/20
 - iii) 2020/21
 - iv) 2021/22
 - v) 2022/23
 - vi) A combined total between 1 April 2018 and 31 March 2023
7. How many of those in question 6 resulted in eligibility? Please break down the figures by the following financial years.
- i) 2018/19
 - ii) 2019/20

- iii) 2020/21
- iv) 2021/22
- v) 2022/23
- vi) A combined total between 1 April 2018 and 31 March 2023

8. In the following financial years, for those assessed as newly eligible for Children and Young People’s Continuing Care, what was the average time taken between an individual’s full continuing care assessment* and the commissioning of the package of care?

- i) 2018/19
- ii) 2019/20
- iii) 2020/21
- iv) 2021/22
- v) 2022/23

*If this date is not recorded, please use ‘the point of recognition that a child or young person should have a full continuing care assessment’, as the framework words the point at which “the clock starts”.

Our Response

North East places

The response to your query for North East places is held on the attached spreadsheet. This covers:

- County Durham
- Newcastle Gateshead
- North Tyneside place
- Northumberland
- South Tyneside
- Sunderland
- Tees Valley

In terms of question 8, NHS NENC ICB does hold this information. The ICB estimates that the cost of complying with your request would exceed the appropriate limit.

The ICB’s reporting systems do not allow this information to be extracted as a standalone piece of data. The ICB estimates that a manual exercise to retrieve this information would exceed the appropriate limit set out in section 12(1) (cost limit) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Currently this is set at £450 for the ICB, which equates to 18 hours or more of an officer’s time.

For question 5, in relation to South Tyneside and Northumberland places, the financial information is not held by NENC ICB. You will need to redirect your request to the local authorities as follows:

Northumberland County Council	foi@northumberland.gov.uk
South Tyneside Council	foi@southtyneside.gov.uk

North Cumbria place

NENC ICB is unable to provide the information requested for North Cumbria.

The ICB place holds no record of how many assessments for Children and Young People’s Continuing Care were completed in of the financial years.

Children's CC care assessments can be completed by any health or social care professional and not the commissioners, North Cumbria ICB place only receive them if the professional undertaking the assessment feels that they meet the criteria for Children's CC or complex cases.

They may hold details of how many children met the criteria in the years specified but this will take some time to identify as we have no electronic system which records this information so will need to go through each case individually to find this information. The ICB place estimates that the cost of complying with your request would exceed the appropriate limit set out in section 12(1) (cost limit) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

In line 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 make a complaint or 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 complaint, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. 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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