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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 August 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 writing under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request information about the Lung Cancer Screening (previously Targeted Lung Health Check) programmes in your ICB.

1. Do you have a Lung Cancer Screening [LCS] (or formerly Targeted Lung Health Check [TLHC]) programme running in your ICB region?
 - a. If yes, please answer Questions 2 and 3.
 - b. If no, please move to Question 4.
2. If your answer to Question 1 is yes, please answer the following questions for each active LCS (TLHC) service / contract within the region:
 - a. Areas covered.
 - b. Commissioner of the service (i.e. name of the ICB, NHS Trust, Cancer Alliance, etc. who is leading on the programme in the ICB).
 - c. Name of the provider who delivers the service (e.g. name of the NHS Trust or external provider)
 - d. Start date and end date of the contract.
 - e. Can the contract be extended beyond its end date, and if yes, for how long? If so, has there been a decision made about the extension?
 - f. The total value of the contract.

- g. Actual spend in 2024/25.
3. Is the ICB planning on rolling out further Lung Cancer Screening programmes within the region?
 - a. If yes, in which areas?
 - b. If yes, when is the service expected to start?
 - c. If yes, is this expected to be delivered in-house or by an external provider?
 - d. If external provider, when is the procurement expected to start?
 4. If your answer to Question 1 is no, is the ICB planning on rolling out any Lung Cancer Screening programmes in the next 12 months?
 - a. If yes, in which areas?
 - b. If yes, when is this expected to start?
 - c. If yes, is this expected to be delivered in-house or by an external provider?
 - d. If external provider, when is the procurement expected to start?

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.

1. Yes, NENC ICB has a Lung Cancer Screening programme running in the North East and North Cumbria.
2. In the NENC ICB region:
 - a. All sub-ICB places have an active LCS service.
 - b. NENC ICB is the commissioner of all LCS services.
 - c. The providers of the service are the Newcastle-upon-Tyne NHS Foundation Trust (FT), InHealth, South Tyneside and Sunderland NHS FT County Durham and Darlington NHS FT and North Cumbria Integrated Care NHS FT.
 - d. The contract duration is 1 February 2024 to 31 January 2026.
 - e. There is an option to extend for 2 years.
 - f. This is an activity-based contract, so the total value is based on the activity.
 - g. The actual spend in 2024/25 was £9,752,390.

Please be aware that some of the contracts in place for these services form part of e.g. community contracts with Trusts. As far as I am aware, the ICB has no intention to reprocur these services, but contracting could say the contract ends e.g. March 2026 as contracts with acute providers often run financial year to financial year. I just wanted to flag this as this could give the impression that a procurement will happen at some point in the future, which I don't think is the case, and could raise issues down the line for the ICB.

3. NENC ICB is not planning on rolling out further Lung Cancer Screening programmes within the region.
4. 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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