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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 15 February 2024 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

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, please can you provide me with information on dentistry funding in your ICS.

The total amount of your ICS budget in pounds-sterling (£) that is allocated for funding dentistry in each of the financial years a) 2023-2024, b) 2023-2022, c) 2022-2021, d) 2021-2020, e) 2020-2019.

The percentage of your ICSs total budget that is allocated for funding dentistry in each of the financial years a) 2023-2024, b) 2023-2022, c) 2022-2021, d) 2021-2020, e) 2020-2019.

If it is not possible to provide the information requested due to the information exceeding the cost of compliance limits identified in Section 12, please provide advice and assistance, under the Section 16 obligations of the Act, as to how I can refine my request.

If you can identify any ways that my request could be refined, I would be grateful for any further advice and assistance.

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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. Information for financial year 2023-24 is detailed below. Prior to this financial year, information is held by NHS England.

The North East and North Cumbria Integrated Care Board (NENC ICB) does not hold the records which you have sought prior to this financial year. However, we have determined the records are held by NHS England.

In accordance with our duty under s.16 of the FOIA to provide reasonable advice and assistance to an individual requesting information, the FOI email address for NHS England is NHS England england.contactus@nhs.net Please write "Freedom of Information" in the subject line.

The total amount of ICS budget in pounds-sterling (£) allocated for funding dentistry in 2023/24 is £217,195,000.

The percentage of ICSs total budget allocated for funding dentistry in 2023-2024, is shown in the table below:

2023/24 Total ICS allocation (excluding Specialised Commissioning)	£7,302,181,000
2023/24 Dental allocation	£217,195,000
% of allocation for funding Dentistry	2.974%

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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