

Our Reference North East and North Cumbria ICB\
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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 9 October 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

Please see below a list of FOI questions:

1. Please list all organisations commissioned to provide rehabilitation services in your area and their contract values. To clarify, I would like the rehabilitation figures, then the neuro rehabilitation figures.
2. Please state the total budget for rehabilitation services in your organisation and the amount specifically allocated to neurological conditions.
3. Please provide the most recent data you hold on waiting times for neurological rehabilitation services, including community and inpatient settings.
4. Please provide details of any formal arrangements or structures in place for involving people with neurological conditions in the planning or delivery of rehabilitation services.
5. Do you have a neuro-rehab service pathway integrated with neurology service?
6. Does your organisation have a neuro clinical lead?
7. How do you ensure the needs of people with neurological conditions are addressed in your mental health provision from primary care to acute?
8. What specific training and support do you give staff providing mental health and Talking Therapies support to ensure they are equipped to work with people with neurological conditions? If you do not provide this support does another organisation?

9. Who currently in your organisation has leadership responsibility at board level for rehabilitation services? If so, what is their title and responsibility?
10. Who currently in your organisation has leadership responsibility at board level for neurology services? If so, what is their title and responsibility?

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. Organisations commissioned to provide rehabilitation services:

County Durham place:

County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust are commissioned by NENC ICB to deliver a range of non-neuro rehabilitation services. The contract values are part of the overall block contract with the Trust.

Newcastle Gateshead and Northumberland and North Tyneside places:

- The Newcastle upon Tyne Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust: Neuro Rehabilitation and Rehabilitation Services. The contract values are part of the overall block contract with the Trust.
- Gateshead Health NHS Foundation Trust: Adult Neuro Team based at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital. The team provide virtual, outpatient and community physiotherapy for patients with neurological diagnosis and issues. The contract values are part of the overall block contract with the Trust.
- Northumbria Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust: Adult Acquired Neurological Speech and Language Therapy (SALT). To provide an expert SALT service to meet communicative and swallowing needs arising from an acquired neurological condition for adults in the community in North Tyneside and in patients within North Tyneside General Hospital. The contract values are part of the overall block contract with the Trust.

North Cumbria place:

North Cumbria Integrated Care NHS Foundation Trust is commissioned to provide rehabilitation services. The contract values are part of the overall block contract with the Trust.

South Tyneside and Sunderland place:

South Tyneside and Sunderland NHS Foundation Trust provides neuro rehab, steps to health rehabilitation service which includes cardiology, respiratory, pulmonary rehab and chronic disease management. The contract values are part of the overall block contract with the Trust.

Tees Valley place:

- South Tees Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust provides Pulmonary, Neuro and Cardiac services. Contract values are part of the overall block contract with the Trust.
- North Tees and Hartlepool Hospitals NHS Foundation trust provides Heart Failure and Pulmonary services. Contract values are part of the overall block contract with the Trust.

2. NENC ICB does not break down budgets to show rehabilitation services, or specifically anything around neurological conditions. Much of the costs relating to rehabilitation services will be part of wider block funding with NHS Foundation Trusts and larger contracts with Local Authorities, for which the level of detail request is not available.

3. 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 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 the acute hospital NHS foundation trusts (FTs) within the North East and North Cumbria region.

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 addresses for those foundation trusts to make your request.

NENC Acute Hospital FTs	Email
County Durham and Darlington NHS FT	cdda-tr.cddftfoi@nhs.net
Gateshead Health NHS FT	ghnt.foi.enquiries@nhs.net
North Cumbria Integrated Care NHS FT	foirequest@cumbria.nhs.uk
North Tees and Hartlepool NHS FT	foi@nth.nhs.uk
Northumbria Healthcare NHS FT	foi@northumbria.nhs.uk
South Tees Hospitals NHS FT	foi@stees.nhs.uk
South Tyneside and Sunderland NHS FT	stsft.freedomofinformation@nhs.net
The Newcastle upon Tyne Hospitals NHS FT	nuth.freedom.information@nhs.net

4. Please refer to the response to question 3.
5. Please refer to the response to question 3.
6. No, the ICB does not have a neuro clinical lead; this lead would be based in secondary care. Please redirect your question to the acute hospital NHS foundation trusts (FTs) within the North East and North Cumbria region.
7. 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 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 the primary care providers within the North East and North Cumbria region.

For your reference, a list of practices is available on the NHS Digital website: [GP and GP practice related data – NHS England Digital](#) The GP Practices full file name is **eppracur** and for your reference, NENC ICB's Organisation Data Service (ODS) code is **QMH**.

8. Please refer to the response to question 3.
9. NENC ICB does not have a specific lead for rehabilitation services. Please redirect your query to the secondary care providers noted in the response to question 3. For your reference, Neil O'Brien is the Chief Medical Officer of NENC ICB.
10. Please refer to the response to question 9.

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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