

Our Reference North East and North Cumbria ICB\
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By Email

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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 2 December 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

I am seeking information from the ICB on the amount of money spent providing asylum seekers with healthcare and where possible, details of the contract, such as the listing that has been published online for tenders.

I understand some of these provisions are made to cover more than just asylum seekers, e.g. also homeless residents or those on the special allocation scheme, in these cases please include details of the overall contract.

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.

The ICB can claim funding from the Secretary of State for the Home Department of an initial £2,600 for each asylum seeker to help with costs of initial registration with Primary Healthcare (£600 per person), and Secondary Healthcare (£2,000 per person).

Funding can be aggregated on the basis of family groups.

There can also be additional funding claimed for additional Secondary Healthcare treatment during the first 12 months if it is likely to exceed the initial £2,000 payment cited above. For the 2024/25 financial year, there had been no requests made by the ICB for funding as outlined above, as of today's date.

The service is only provided in Tees Valley and Durham areas of the ICB. Within these areas, there is an Asylum and Refugee Service included within the GP Practice Local Enhanced Services NHS Standard Contract with NENC ICB.

The aim of the service is to ensure that:

- Asylum seekers and refugees have equitable access to primary medical care.
- GP practices are supported to provide services that effectively meet the health, wellbeing, and safeguarding needs of this vulnerable population.
- Asylum seekers and refugees are empowered with an awareness of the NHS and how to navigate and overcome any perceived barriers to access.

Total paid to GP practices for this service for quarters 1 and 2 of 2024 is £79,373.40 (Tees and Darlington area only).

NENC ICB is not aware of any specific contract for homeless or special allocation scheme.

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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