



North East and North Cumbria

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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 22 June 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

I am writing to you under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request information regarding the volumes and spending on outsourced and insourced procedures within your trust for the specified time periods. Please consider this letter as a formal request for information. To assist you in processing this request efficiently, I have outlined the specific information I am seeking below.

I would like to get the number of procedures (volume) and spend (£ value) for 2017-18, 2018-19, 2019-20, 2020-21, 2021-22, 2022-23 by specialty specifying if:

- Outsourced: defined as an external (third party) provider that has been contracted by your trust, health board or ICB to deliver procedure in their own facility with their own staff
- Insourced: defined as that external provider that has been contracted to deliver procedures, using your facilities (eg. operating theatre) but their staff

List of specialties:

- Anaesthesia
- Cardiology
- Cardiothoracic surgery
- Dentistry
- Dermatology
- Endoscopy
- ENT
- Gastroenterology
- General surgery
- Gynaecology
- Nephrology
- Neurology
- Neurosurgery
- Obstetrics
- Oncology
- Ophthalmology
- Orthopaedics
- Plastic surgery
- Radiology
- Urology
- Vascular surgery
- Other

Please provide the requested information in Excel spreadsheet format. Kindly, find attached a suggested Excel template to fill in the information.

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.

Our Response

NENC ICB does not hold the information requested. It is advised that you redirect your query to the acute hospital foundation trusts in the North East and North Cumbria region. Their freedom of information email addresses are listed below for your assistance.

NENC Acute Hospital FTs	Email
County Durham & Darlington NHS FT	cdda-tr.cddftfoi@nhs.net
Gateshead Health NHS FT	ghnt.foi.enquiries@nhs.net
North Cumbria Integrated Care NHS FT	foirequests@ncic.nhs.uk
North Tees & 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

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.gov.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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