

Our Reference North East and North Cumbria ICB\
FOI ICB 26–104

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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 4 June 2026 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 looking for some information to be answered under the Freedom of Information Act relating to the Additional roles reimbursement scheme (ARRS) underspend for the 2025/26 financial year. My questions are as below:

1. What was the maximum available ARRS allocation for the PCNs in your ICB?
2. What was the total amount of ARRS funding spent by the PCNs in your ICB? Please can you break this down by PCN.
3. How much ARRS underspend has the ICB recorded in its footprint?
4. Of the underspend, how much money will be redistributed?
5. Does the ICB intend to reallocate this money to PCNs?
6. If the ICB does intend to reallocate the money to PCNs, how much money will be redistributed?
7. How will this money be redistributed?
8. When will this money be redistributed?
9. If the money is not redistributed, what will it be used for?

Our Response

1. 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. However, this is available within the NENC ICB

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publication scheme which can be accessed on the ICB website: [Publications scheme](#) or please refer to our previous related request, our ref: FOI ICB 26-007 from the NENC ICB FOI Disclosure Log at: [FOI ICB 26-007 Response Letter](#)

In accordance with s.21 of the FOIA, we are not required to provide information in response to a request if it is reasonably accessible to you by other means.

2. Please refer to the response to question 1.
3. The claim period for 2025/26 is still open and the ICB does not hold the over/underspend position. We expect the spend detail to be available by 31 August 2026.
4. Please refer to the response to question 3.
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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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