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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 17 September 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 submitting this request under the Freedom of Information Act and the Code of Practice on Openness in the NHS.

Please confirm the ICB holds the following data, and where it is held, please provide the data as requested. The NHS England Increasing Capacity Framework (ICF) has accredited the providers listed on the attached spreadsheet (downloaded from the NHS AGEM website on 18th September 2024).

We request the following information:

1. Does the ICB keep a record of Provider organisations with which it holds contracts, and the means by which such contracts were awarded?
2. Please provide a list of providers who are listed on the ICF and with which the ICB has a contract in place for 2024/25 (or part year thereof) which was awarded through the ICF. For clarity, we are not interested in contracts held with ICF providers which were not awarded under the ICF.

3. For each provider contract awarded under question 2 above, please provide:
  - a. the method used to award the contract: Mini-competition or Direct
  - b. the expiry date of the contract
  - c. Schedule 2A

## **Our Response**

We can confirm, as per Section 1(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, the ICB does hold the information requested.

1. Yes, the NENC ICB has a record of provider organisations with which it holds contracts information, including how contracts were awarded. The NENC ICB also has a procurement team to ensure the Provider Selection Regime (PSR) rules are followed, in line with Health Care Services (Provider Selection Regime) Regulations 2023, which came into force on 1 January 2024.
2. Zero providers were awarded via the ICF Framework in 2024/25.
3. Please refer to the response to question 2.

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  
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[www.ico.org.uk](http://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](http://www.legislation.gov.uk) . This will not affect your initial information request.

Yours sincerely

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