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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 22 July 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

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I would like the following information about adult neurological care in residential and nursing homes.

Which placements to include: Continuing Healthcare (fully funded), joint-funded, Funded Nursing Care where the ICB holds it, and Section 117. If some of this sits with councils or a mental health trust, please answer for what the ICB holds and note where the rest sits. Please answer from your CHC / commissioning system - there is no need to review individual case notes.

All questions relate to adults aged 18 to 64 funded by the ICB in long-term residential or nursing care.

1. Please supply the name, job title, telephone number and email address of the commissioner with responsibility for neurological (or complex physical and cognitive care) placements for adults aged 18 to 64.
2. Please provide the total number of adults aged 18 to 64 with a neurological need funded by the ICB in long-term residential care, and separately in nursing care. Please give an *end-of-year snapshot (at 31 March) for each of 2022/23, 2023/24, 2024/25 and 2025/26, and the most up-to-date figure available for 2026/27.*

3. Please provide the number of new long-term placements made for adults aged 18 to 64 with a neurological need - residential and nursing separately. *Please give the number during 2025/26 (year to 31 March 2026) and during 2026/27 to date.*
4. Please provide the highest, lowest and average weekly rate paid for residential and nursing placements for adults aged 18 to 64 with a neurological need, for 2025/26 and 2026/27. If you use weekly rate bands, please give these too.
5. Please provide a list of providers of residential and nursing care used by the ICB to place adults aged 18 to 64 with a neurological need in long-term care. For each provider, please give the setting (residential or nursing), the number of service users, and the gross expenditure, using the latest month available (or financial year 2025/26 if not), and state the month used.
6. Does the ICB consider there is sufficient local residential and nursing provision to meet the needs of adults with neurological needs in the ICB area?

Definitions

By 'neurological' I mean brain injury (acquired or traumatic), spinal injury, Parkinson's disease, early-onset dementia, multiple sclerosis, motor neurone disease, Huntington's disease, cerebral palsy, epilepsy, stroke, and neuro-rehabilitation. This is a guide, not an exhaustive list.

ICBs rarely record a neurological diagnosis. If you can identify these patients, please use the list above. If not, please report your 'Physical Disability (adult)' care group, or the nearest care group you hold. If you hold neither, please report all long-term Continuing Healthcare and Funded Nursing Care placements for adults aged 18 to 64 and state that a neurological split is not held. Please tell me in the spreadsheet which of these you used.

Our Response

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 all of 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 for Northumberland. However, we have determined that the information is held by the local authority in this ICB area.

1. Tanya Desborough is Senior Head of Commissioning Mental Health, Learning Disability, Neurodivergence and All Age Continuing Care. Her email is tania.desborough@nhs.net. Please contact her by telephone via the ICB's reception using the number at the top of this letter.
2. The table below shows the information requested for 2023/24 onwards. The ICB is unable to provide accurate information for financial year 2022/23 as the ICB did not come into being until July 2022.

	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27 current snapshot as of 01/08/2026
Adults aged 18 to 64 – funded by the ICB in long-term residential care	38	40	33	33
Adults aged 18 to 64 – funded by the ICB in long-term nursing care	194	203	196	162

3. The table below shows the information requested for 2023/24 onwards. The ICB is unable to provide accurate information for financial year 2022/23 as the ICB did not come into being until July 2022.

	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27 current snapshot as of 01/08/2026
Adults aged 18-64 – New long term Residential placements	3	11	5	2
Adults aged 18-64 – New long term Nursing placements	35	53	40	22

4. On this occasion it is not possible 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.
5. 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 local authorities within the North East and North Cumbria region as they facilitate payments for some areas of the ICB footprint.

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 contacts for those local authorities.

NENC Local Authorities	Email/Online portal
Cumbria County Council	information.governance@cumbria.gov.uk
Darlington Borough Council	freedomofinformation@darlington.gov.uk
Durham County Council	Freedom of Information - Durham CC
Gateshead Council	Freedom of Information request - Gateshead Council
Hartlepool Borough Council	freedomofinformation@hartlepool.gov.uk
Middlesbrough Borough Council	Freedom of Information Request - Middlesbrough BC
Newcastle City Council	freedomofinformation@newcastle.gov.uk
North Tyneside Council	foiofficer@northtyneside.gov.uk
Northumberland County Council	Information Governance - Northumberland CC
Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council	informationgovernance@redcar-cleveland.gov.uk
South Tyneside Council	foi@southtyneside.gov.uk
Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council	foiandcomplaints@stockton.gov.uk
Sunderland City Council	freedom.information@sunderland.gov.uk

6. NENC ICB considers there is always a need for additional placements as the population ages.

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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