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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 1 May 2025 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

Can you provide a list of the top 10 largest private contracts awarded by the ICB, based on value, between 6 April 2024 and 5 April 2025? Details should include:

- a. The name of the private provider
- b. Value of the contract
- c. The service provided

If it is not possible to fulfil this request for any reason, please provide advice and assistance as to how I can refine my request. If you can identify any other ways that my request could be refined, I would be grateful for any further advice and assistance.

Our Response

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

Q1: Name(s) of the organisation(s) that hold(s) the contracted services	Q2: Contract Value 2024/25	Q3: Services
Tyneside Surgical Services	£4,131,291	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dermatology • General Surgery • Gynaecology • Oral Surgery • Urology • Endoscopy, including Direct Access • Direct Access diagnostics, including imaging, MRI, echo and ultrasound • Plastic surgery • Pain management • Trauma and Orthopaedics/ Musculoskeletal • Gastroenterology • Upper Gastrointestinal surgery • Maxillo Facial Surgery/ Oral and Maxillo Facial Surgery • Surgical Dentistry • Anaesthetics
Spire Healthcare Limited, trading as Spire Washington Hospital	£17,615,731	<p>Consultant led Planned Elective Services, including outpatient, diagnostics, pre assessment, in-patient and day case surgical provision, in-patient and post discharge physiotherapy for NHS patients.</p> <p>Adult Orthopaedics (Hip, Knee Foot, Ankle, Hand, Wrist, Elbow, Shoulder. Neuro/Spinal Surgery, Pain, General Surgery (Hernia, Cholecystectomy, Other), Endoscopy, Vascular, Thyroid, Breast Surgery.</p>
Ramsay Tees Valley Hospital	£17,049,825	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dermatology • Teledermoscopy • Gynaecology • Endoscopy • Gastro • General Surgery • Orthopaedics • Plastic Surgery • Urology • Conditions Treated • MRI • Dental

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Ramsay Cobalt (Newcastle) Hospital Services	£4,287,163	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dermatology • General Surgery • Gynaecology • Ophthalmology • Oral Surgery • Urology • Endoscopy, including Direct Access • Direct Access diagnostics, including imaging, MRI, echo and ultrasound • Plastic surgery • Pain management • Trauma and Orthopaedics/ Musculoskeletal • Gastroenterology • Upper Gastrointestinal surgery • Maxillo Facial Surgery/ Oral and Maxillo Facial Surgery • Surgical Dentistry • Anaesthetics
Nuffield Tees	£12,508,756	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General Surgery • Musculoskeletal / Orthopaedics (excluding Spinal Surgery for all Commissioners and excluding Foot and Ankle Surgery for all Commissioners with the exception of South Tees locality) • Ophthalmology
Nuffield Newcastle	£3,136,809	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dermatology • General Surgery • Gynaecology • Ophthalmology • Oral Surgery • Urology • Endoscopy, including Direct Access • Direct Access diagnostics, including imaging, MRI, echo and ultrasound • Plastic surgery • Pain management • Trauma and Orthopaedics/ Musculoskeletal • Gastroenterology • Upper Gastrointestinal surgery • Maxillo Facial Surgery/ Oral and Maxillo Facial Surgery • Surgical Dentistry • Anaesthetics
Circle Health Group Ltd	£12,233,915	<p>Specialties to be provided but not limited to are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. General Surgery (Including Vascular, Breast, Thyroids, lumps and bumps, colonoscopy and endoscopy Colorectal service) b. Gynaecology

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		c. Orthopaedics including spinal activity d. Direct access from the ESP at Connect Physiotherapy Services e. Ophthalmology (Cataracts and Yag Laser) f. Urology including Urodynamics g. Pain Management h. Direct Access to Diagnostics (Ultrasound)
ACES	£569,424	Ophthalmology
CHEC	£3,544,901	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ophthalmology • Endoscopy
New Medica	£12,840,339	Ophthalmology
Optegra	£4,186,536	Ophthalmology
Spa Medica	£11,394,146	Ophthalmology
Priory	Zero Value (£479,163 budget)	Mental Health Rehabilitation
Barchester	Zero Value (£2,859,271 budget)	Mental Health Rehabilitation
Cygnat	Zero Value (£1,951,352 budget)	Mental Health Rehabilitation
Alliance Psychological services	£9,916,613	<p>Adult Community based Psychological Support Services: £8,241,514.00</p> <p>Children and Young People Community based Psychological Support Services: £1,675,099</p>

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 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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