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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 7 January 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, 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 writing to make a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. I would like to request data on the following for your ICB area:

1. How much capital funding has been allocated to mental health estates each year in the last 5 years?
2. How much capital funding has been allocated to physical health estates each year in the last 5 years?
3. What proportion of the NHS estates in your area provide mental health services?
4. What is the average age of the NHS estate in your area? By physical health and mental health estates.
5. What proportion of capital funding is directed to mental health estates each year?

Please provide the information in electronic format, as an excel spreadsheet.

**Our Response**

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.

1. The ICB does not hold information on the split of capital funding between those providing mental health and physical health services.

The ICB publishes a joint capital use resource plan for each financial year on its website (see link below) which provides details of the allocation of capital funding across NHS Foundation Trusts within the North East and North Cumbria Integrated Care System. The ICB does not hold detailed information on how that capital funding is utilised by each provider Trust.

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Prior to establishment of the ICB from 1 July 2022, the former clinical commissioning groups across North East and North Cumbria had no responsibility for capital funding.

2. Please refer to the response to question 1.
3. We are unable to provide a detailed breakdown of the space used by mental health services. As part of our commitment to high-quality patient care, services are increasingly being provided within community settings, often in conjunction with other health and wellbeing services. Consequently, mental health services are delivered from various locations that align with patient needs. On any given day, our estate supports a range of both mental health and non-mental health services. Collating this data would require an hour-by-hour breakdown of every clinical and non-traditional clinical space operated within the ICB, which is not feasible.
4. The ICB does not monitor the average age of the estate. Given the large number of healthcare building within the ICB it is not viable to calculate this.
5. Please refer to the responses to questions 1 to 4.

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  
Wilmslow  
Cheshire  
SK9 5AF

[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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