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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 21 March 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 seeking recorded information relating to the provision of primary care premises in Dinnington, Newcastle upon Tyne (temporary health centre and adjacent land on Main Road).

Please provide the following information:

1. The date(s) and details of any decision(s) to develop a new or permanent health centre in Dinnington, including copies of any relevant reports, business cases, committee papers, or minutes.
2. The date the existing temporary facility (portakabin health centre and pharmacy) was commissioned/installed, and any documents setting out the intended duration of its use.
3. Any current plans or agreements to retain the existing temporary facility, including expected end date(s) and any supporting documentation.
4. Details of any proposals to replace the temporary facility, including:
  - a. Business cases, option appraisals, or feasibility studies
  - b. Funding approvals or allocations
  - c. Planning applications, permissions, or pre-application advice
  - d. Projected timelines or delivery programmes

5. Details of any extant or lapsed planning permissions relating to a health centre in Dinnington, including reference numbers and decision notices.
6. Details of any alternative proposals for a health centre serving the local area (including relocation), with associated funding status, planning position, and indicative timescales.
7. Information setting out the governance and decision-making process for delivering a new health centre in this area, including which organisations are responsible and accountable at each stage.

Please provide the information in electronic form. If any part of this request is unclear, I would be grateful for advice and assistance under section 16 of the Act. If any information is withheld, please specify the exemption(s) relied upon and provide the reasoning.

## **Our Response**

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.

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](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 faithfully

*Information Governance Support Officer*

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