



North East and North Cumbria

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By Email

Dear

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 19 April 2023 for information held by NHS North East and North Cumbria Integrated Care Board (NENC ICB) under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

NENC ICB covers the areas of County Durham, Gateshead, Newcastle, North Cumbria, North Tyneside, Northumberland, South Tyneside, Sunderland and Tees Valley (which covers the 5 councils that make it up – Darlington, Hartlepool, Middlesbrough, Redcar & Cleveland and Stockton-on-Tees).

Please find the information you requested on behalf of the ICB as follows.

Your Request

I am writing from the Royal College of General Practitioners to request, under the Freedom of Information Act, information held by the ICS regarding activity to support the retention of the general practice workforce. We are seeking this information in order to further develop our policy work on this topic.

The specific information I am requesting is as follows:

1. For the financial year 2022/23 (or financial year 2021/22, if full accounts for 2022/23 are not available), spending on activity related to each of the following GP retention/support programmes in this ICS:
 - National GP Retention Scheme

- New to Practice Fellowships Scheme
 - Supporting Mentors Scheme
 - Local GP Retention Schemes
 - New to Partnership Payments Scheme
 - Flexible Staff Pools Scheme
 - ICS Level Training Hubs
2. For the same year, the number of individual staff members supported for each of the above programmes in this ICS;
 3. For the year 2023/24, the ICS's indicative funding allocations for each of the above programmes.

Our Response

Please see the attached completed proforma.

NENC ICB does not hold the information for question 2. You will need to redirect this part of your request to NHS England at england.contactus@nhs.net

In line 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 make a complaint or 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 complaint, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. 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
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www.ico.gov.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 sincerely

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