



# 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 12 July 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 to request information regarding ‘care hotels’ as defined as the following by the [British Medical Journal](#):

*the use of hotel accommodation to meet the needs of patients who no longer need to be in hospital but cannot yet be transferred into the social care system.*

Q1. In the financial year 2022/23, how many hotel stays were booked? Alongside a total, please also provide a breakdown per month. Please provide a breakdown per hotel and share both the name of the hotel and the provider/ company that runs the hotel. To clarify, if one hotel room was booked for 30 days, that would count as 30 hotel stays.

Q2. In the financial year 2022/23, what was the total amount spent on 'care hotels'.

Q3. Per month in financial year 2022/23, please also share the following information:

- The cost of a hotel room per care recipient per day
- The average patient stay (in weeks) in a care hotel
- Whether the Trust is the sole owner of the bookings, or if the booking is shared with another Trust. If the booking is shared with another Trust, please name the Trust.

Q4. Please share the minutes from all ICB Board meetings in financial year 2022/23 that refer to 'care hotels', including copies of any presentations, such as PowerPoint slideshows, which were shown during meetings and copies of any written documents that were distributed to those attending the meetings.

Q5. I assume that the ICB records the complaints made. For the purposes of this request, I am going to call those records "complaints logs". You may use a different terminology internally such as "complaint records" or "complaint notes". Please can you conduct a keyword search across the complaints logs in the financial year 2022/23 for the term "hotel" and provide each complaint log, including the summary of the complaint, the date, the hotel and the provider. Please also provide a total for the number of times the term "hotel" appears.

## **Our Response**

*NENC ICB can confirm a nil return for all questions.*

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  
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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