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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 30 June 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

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I am requesting the following information regarding workforce changes within your organisation.

1. What is the name of your ICB?
2. Is your ICB clustering or merging with any other ICBs? If so, with which ones?
3. How many whole-time equivalent staff were employed to deliver the statutory safeguarding function for children, measured as the number of designated professionals, prior to the restructuring implemented to achieve the 2025/26 reduction in ICB funding to £19 per head? If ICBs have already been merged, please provide an aggregate figure from the ICBs prior to merger.
4. How many whole-time equivalent staff were employed to deliver the statutory safeguarding function for adults, measured as the number of designated professionals, prior to the restructuring implemented to achieve the 2025/26 reduction in ICB funding to £19 per head? If ICBs have already been merged, please provide an aggregate figure from the ICBs prior to merger.
5. How many whole-time equivalent staff were employed to deliver the statutory SEND function, measured as the number of designated clinical officers, prior to the restructuring implemented to achieve the 2025/26 reduction in ICB funding to £19 per head? If ICBs have already been merged, please provide an aggregate figure from the ICBs prior to merger.

6. How many whole-time equivalent staff were employed to deliver the statutory Continuing Healthcare/All Age Continuing Care function prior to the restructuring implemented to achieve the 2025/26 reduction in ICB funding to £19 per head? If ICBs have already been merged, please provide an aggregate figure from the ICBs prior to merger.
7. How many whole-time equivalent staff will be, or are currently proposed to be, employed to deliver the statutory safeguarding function for children, measured as the number of designated professionals, following the restructuring implemented to achieve the 2025/26 reduction in ICB funding to £19 per head? If functions are being clustered or merged, please provide the organisation-wide figure for the cluster or merged organisation.
8. How many whole-time equivalent staff will be, or are currently proposed to be, employed to deliver the statutory safeguarding function for adults, measured as the number of designated professionals, following the restructuring implemented to achieve the 2025/26 reduction in ICB funding to £19 per head? If functions are being clustered or merged, please provide the organisation-wide figure for the cluster or merged organisation.
9. How many whole-time equivalent staff will be, or are currently proposed to be, employed to deliver the statutory SEND function, measured as the number of designated clinical officers, following the restructuring implemented to achieve the 2025/26 reduction in ICB funding to £19 per head? If functions are being clustered or merged, please provide the organisation-wide figure for the cluster or merged organisation.
10. How many whole-time equivalent staff will be, or are currently proposed to be, employed to deliver the statutory Continuing Healthcare/All Age Continuing Care function following the restructuring implemented to achieve the 2025/26 reduction in ICB funding to £19 per head? If functions are being clustered or merged, please provide the organisation-wide figure for the cluster or merged organisation.
11. How many children live in your ICB footprint?
12. What is size of the population your ICB or ICB cluster will serve after the restructuring?

Our Response

1. The ICB name is NHS North East and North Cumbria Integrated Care Board (NENC ICB).
2. NENC ICB is not clustering or merging with any other ICBs.
3. A total of 12 whole-time equivalent (wte) staff were employed to deliver the statutory safeguarding function for children.
4. A total of 12 wte staff were employed to deliver the statutory safeguarding function for adults.
5. There are 11.6 wte staff employed to deliver the statutory SEND function.
6. There were 184.28 wte staff pre 31/03/2026.
7. There are 5.5 wte plus 6 wte joint adult/children deputy designate roles to deliver this function.
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9. There are 10.4 wte staff employed to deliver the statutory SEND function.
10. There are 170 wte staff to deliver the CHC/AACC function.
11. There are 601,706 children living in the ICB footprint.
12. The ICB population is 3.2m people.

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.

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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