

Our Reference North East and North Cumbria ICB\
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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 7 April 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

This is a freedom of information request for NHS North East and North Cumbria ICB. Please could you tell me:

1. How many complaints about GP practices that the ICB received in:
 - a. 2025
 - b. 2024
 - c. 2023
 - d. 2022
 - e. 2021
 - f. 2020
 - g. 2019

2. How many complaints were received about each GP practice in the ICB in 2025.

If this information is not readily available/will take too long to collate, please let me know at your earliest convenience and ideally, we can discuss how to make the request more manageable.

Our Response

1. We can confirm, as per Section 1(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, the ICB on this occasion is not able to provide the requested information prior to January 2025. 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 the information requested before this date.

NENC took responsibility for General Practice complaints in July 2023, information prior to that date is not held. However, we have determined that the information is held by NHS England, who were responsible for managing GP complaints prior to this date

In accordance with our duty under s.16 of the FOIA to provide reasonable advice and assistance to an individual requesting information, we have provided the FOI contacts for NHS England: england.contactus@nhs.net. Please write "Freedom of Information" in the subject line.

NENC ICB does not hold data from the period July 2023 to December 2024 due to a change in IT systems.

From 1 January 2025 to 31 December 2025 the ICB received 531 complaints regarding GP practices in total.

2. The breakdown of complaints by practice received by the ICB in 2025 is attached.

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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