

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 by North of England Commissioning Support (NECS) on 16 April 2024 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

The "primary care data gathering programme" is a national exercise delivered by Community Health Partnerships on behalf of NHS England. More details can be found [here](#). Its results are published on the Strategic Health Asset Planning and Evaluation (SHAPE) place atlas [here](#). Can I please ask for the following information for your system in the primary care data gathering programme or as data it holds otherwise:

1. The number of GP premises within the ICS.
2. The cost of backlog maintenance for primary care premises within the ICS.

Can you also please share the year the information in question 1 and 2 relate to? If the data is commercially sensitive, please feel free to anonymise it.

Please let me know if any clarification is required. I look forward to a response within 20 working days otherwise.

Our Response

We can confirm, as per Section 1(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, the ICB does hold the information requested.

1. Primary care data gathering (PCDG) reports 475 main surgeries and branches within the NENC ICB region.
2. Following the PCDG exercise, surveys were undertaken at the majority of sites in NENC ICB, however not every site participated, therefore the figure does have some gaps. We would estimate 90% returns, but 75% completeness of data.

The cost of backlog maintenance is £7,573,835.00, broken down by risk below:

High Risk	£35,500.00
Significant Risk	£740,842.00
Moderate Risk	£4,908,117.00
Low Risk	£1,889,376.00
Total	£7,573,835.00

The data gathering work started in July 2021.

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 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 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 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

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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