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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 27 February 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

I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request information relating to all providers of diagnostic and planned care services that currently hold an active NHS contract with your Integrated Care Board. Kindly provide the following information for each provider and each service they deliver on behalf of NHS North East and North Cumbria ICB. Information requested:

1. Provider(s) Information
 - Name of provider(s)
2. Service Information
 - Type of service(s) provided (e.g., Diagnostic MRI, Ultrasound, Endoscopy, Dermatology, Physiotherapy, etc.)
3. Contract Details
 - Contract term (start date and end date)
 - Contract type (e.g., AQP, Block, Cost-per-case, etc.)
4. Activity Volumes

For the most recent full financial year (please specify which year the data relates to):

 - Annual activity for each provider per service they deliver

5. Financial Information

- Annual spend with each provider for each service
- Tariff per activity (or payment structure if non-tariff)

6. Referrer Information

For each service, please provide the commissioned referrer types, such as:

- GP
- Consultant
- Nurse
- Extended Scope Practitioner (or any other referrer categories used by the ICB)

Please provide the data in an editable format, such as Excel (.xlsx), CSV or an equivalent machine-readable format. If any information is withheld, please cite the applicable FOI exemption. If part of the request exceeds the cost limit, please provide advice and assistance on how it can be refined.

Our Response

We can confirm, as per Section 1(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, the ICB holds some of the information you have requested.

1. Provider(s) Information

Current providers are:

Mansion House Surgery – North Cumbria
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Modality LLP – North Cumbria
Spire Healthcare Limited, trading as Spire Washington Hospital
County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust
Gateshead Health NHS Foundation Trust
Newcastle upon Tyne Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
North Cumbria Integrated Care NHS Foundation Trust
North Tees & Hartlepool NHS Foundation Trust
Northumbria Healthcare Foundation Trust
South Tees Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
South Tyneside and Sunderland NHS Foundation Trust

2. Service Information

We can confirm, as per Section 1(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, the ICB holds some of the information you have requested. Service information for non-NHS foundation trusts is detailed on the attached spreadsheet.

However, we have estimated that to provide you with the required information for NHS foundation trusts, would exceed the cost limit of £450 for the NHS as specified in the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004.

S.12(1) of the FOIA provides that a public authority is not obliged to respond to a request for information if the cost of locating, retrieving, and extracting information and preparing the response can be included in the costs for these purposes.

It is estimated that it would averagely take a member of staff approximately 30 minutes to review each acute hospital foundation trust contract then a further 30 minutes to review the services within each provider trust. There are 8 foundation trusts in the NENC ICB region, so we estimate the time taken to be equal to 4,800 minutes (30 minutes x 8 trusts) x (30 minutes x average 20 services)

Allocating 30 minutes per transaction, the NENC ICB estimates that 160 records (20 records for each trust) minutes = 4,800 minutes divided by 60 = 80 hours to extract the level of detail requested from our contract management systems. NENC ICB is therefore unable to provide the requested information within the prescribed limit.

To enable us to consider your request within the cost limit, you may wish to refine or narrow the scope of your request. For example, you could:

- Limit the request to a specific service (e.g., MRI, Endoscopy, Dermatology)
- Limit the request to a smaller number of providers
- Request information for one category of information only (e.g., activity volumes or financial spend).

Based on the number of hours (80) at a rate of £25 per hour the estimated cost of providing the information is £2,000. Should you wish to proceed we will be able to comply with your request upon receipt of payment. Alternatively, you may wish to reduce the scope of your request so that it comes in under the appropriate limit.

Please note that in accordance with s.17 Freedom of Information Act 2000, this letter represents a refusal notice.

3. Contract Details

Please refer to the attached spreadsheet.

4. Activity Volumes

We can confirm, as per Section 1(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, the ICB holds some of the information you have requested. Where held, activity volume information for non-NHS foundation trusts is detailed on the attached spreadsheet.

However, contract activity information is dependent on knowledge of which contracts the ICB holds specifically for diagnostic and planned care services. On this basis, the ICB is unable to provide this information under section 12 of the FOIA, for the reasons detailed in the response to question 2.

5. Financial Information

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6. Referrer Information

We can confirm, as per Section 1(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, the ICB holds some of the information you have requested. Where held, activity volume information for non-NHS foundation trusts is detailed on the attached spreadsheet.

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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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