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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 14 October 2025 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 submitting a Freedom of Information request in relation to your organisation's contract register, procurement strategy, and key contact information.

1. Contract Register

Please provide a complete and current extract of your organisation's contract register or equivalent database. We are not asking you to compile new information or manually populate missing fields – we simply request the register in its existing form, preferably in Excel or CSV format. Where available, we are particularly interested in the following fields (though this is not a strict requirement):

- Contract Title
- Supplier Name
- Estimated Spend (Total or Annual)
- Contract Duration and Total Period (including extensions)
- Contract Start and Expiry Dates
- Review Date
- Contract Description
- Contract Owner (Name, Job Title, Contact Details if available)
- Contract Notes

- Managing Department
- Award Date
- Participating Organisations
- Procurement Category
- Framework or Tender References
- Central Purchasing Body
- Classification Codes (CPV, Pro-Class, etc.)

Please don't spend time populating these fields if they aren't readily available – we welcome receiving the raw register as it exists in your system.

2. Total Number of Active Contracts

Please confirm the total number of contracts currently listed as active.

3. Procurement Strategy (2025/2026)

Please provide your organisation's Procurement Strategy for 2025/2026.

- If this is part of a multi-year strategy (e.g., 2024–2028), please provide the most recent version covering 2025/2026 or indicate when this will be available.
- If any parts are redacted, please identify the redacted sections and the reason.

4. Contact Information

If possible, please provide the name, job title, phone number, and email address for the following roles:

- Responsible officer for API access or data sharing (if applicable)
- Individual managing the contract register
- Finance Director
- Head/Director of Procurement or Purchasing
- Head/Director of ICT
- Head of Estates and Facilities
- Relevant Committee Member, Councillor, or Board Member for Procurement/Finance

If direct contact details are restricted due to GDPR, please indicate the best department or method of contact.

Additional Notes

If your contract register is available via an online portal, please ensure all records are accessible (as some portals may only show summary data). If your organisation uses a contract management system or CRM, please confirm whether it allows for data exports. If you intend to withhold spend figures, please note that we are requesting an overall total or indicative spend only – not a line-by-line financial breakdown.

Further clarification

By “contracts,” I'm referring to the organisation's contract register — that is, a list or record of all current contracts held by the ICB, including (but not limited to) supplier, contract title/description, value, start and end dates, and the department responsible.

If a full register is not available, please provide details of contracts above £5,000 or those managed centrally by NENC ICB.

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. Contract Register

The contract main register and pharmacy and optometry contract registers are attached as spreadsheet documents.

Please note that pharmacies do not have a contract as such, instead they work to the terms of service set out in the National Health Service (Pharmaceutical and Local Pharmaceutical Services) Regulations 2013. Optometrists do have contracts, but they are open ended and do not have a contract value – they can claim for sight tests and voucher costs.

The pharmacy and optometry spreadsheet with contractor details and indicated where we do have contracts in place, such as waste providers and directed hours.

2. Total Number of Active Contracts

The total number of active contracts is 2291. This is made up of:

Contract register: 1291 contracts

Pharmacy & Optometry register: 1000 contracts (617 Pharmacy, 376 Optometry, 7 other)

3. Procurement Strategy

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. The procurement strategy can be accessed on the ICB's website: [item-19a-procurement-strategy-final.pdf](#)

In accordance with s.21 of the FOIA, we are not required to provide information in response to a request if it is reasonably accessible to you by other means.

4. Contact Information

- Responsible officer for API access or data sharing (if applicable) – NENC ICB does not have IT systems requiring API access. Responsible officer for data sharing – Claire Riley
- Individual managing the contract register – Dave Gallagher
- Finance Director – David Chandler
- Head/Director of Procurement or Purchasing – Dave Gallagher
- Head/Director of ICT – Claire Riley
- Head of Estates and Facilities – Claire Riley
- Relevant Committee Member, Councillor, or Board Member for Procurement/Finance – Dave Gallagher and/or David Chandler

All procurement related emails should be directed to nencicb.procurement@nhs.net in the first instance. Please direct all queries to colleagues named above using the ICB's generic mailbox nencicb-sun.reception@nhs.net marked for their attention. Alternatively, please telephone the ICB's Switchboard on 0191-512-8484.

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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