

Our Reference North East and North Cumbria ICB\  
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By Email

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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 30 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**

I'd like to make a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 about the ringfenced suicide prevention funding allocated to Durham, Darlington, Tees, Hambleton, Richmondshire and Whitby STP for three years via the NHS Long Term Plan.

1. The ICS/STP was allocated £405,000 in 2018/2019 ringfenced for suicide prevention via the NHS Long Term Plan. How much ringfenced suicide prevention funding was the ICS/STP allocated via the NHS Long Term Plan in:
  - a. Year 1
  - b. Year 2
  - c. Year 3
2. What suicide prevention activities did this money fund, and what were the outcomes of these activities? Please include any relevant service or evaluation data. E.g. how many people were supported by a service, how many people received training.
3. The ringfenced suicide prevention funding allocated through the NHS Long Term Plan ran out after three years. How much money is currently set aside or ringfenced specifically for suicide prevention in the ICS/ICB budget? Please state the time period, e.g. £x for 2 years.

a. Where is this funding sourced from?

4. As a result of ringfenced suicide prevention funding coming to an end, have any suicide prevention projects closed or been reduced in your local area? Please provide details of projects affected.

Please provide any detail you are able to. If it is not possible to provide all the information requested, please provide advice and assistance, under the Section 16 obligations of the Act, as to how I can refine my request.

Please get in touch with me if you would like to clarify this request.

## 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. Allocated funding to NENC ICB is detailed below. This covers Durham, Darlington and Tees NENC ICB places.

Year 1 £226,907

Year 2 £234,235

Year 3 £223,602

2. The evaluation of the activities is attached below:



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The ICB funds the near real time surveillance system dashboard and clinical audit via NECS – this is a service and product which support system partners with the intelligence to implement local multi-agency suicide prevention plans.

Funding from Service Development Fund (SDF) goes to Tees and Darlington local authority areas for post-vention support.

The ICB has funded some training for emergency responders – 106 people from a range of emergency services attended 1-day workshops in 2023/24.

We fund part of a police post in Northumbria police as a suicide prevention co-ordinator supporting those affected by suicide.

3. NHS England Service Development Funding (SDF) was £237,000 for 2023/24.  
4. No projects reduced, however, how the projects are delivered changed with clearer responsibilities for ICB and Public Health.

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  
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[www.ico.org.uk](http://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](http://www.legislation.gov.uk) . This will not affect your initial information request.

Yours sincerely

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