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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 24 September 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 asking for you to provide the following information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. We are examining the amounts of profit generated by private companies providing services to the NHS.

We have used the ICB's publicly available data contained within its Spend over £25k returns for the financial years 2023-24 and 2024-25 as one of the key data sources for this analysis.

Due to the fact that we will name each ICB in England in the final report on this research we would like to ensure that each ICB is given the opportunity to review the spend data that we have relied upon and if necessary to correct any errors and provide updated figures.

Attached is the data that we intend to use for the companies that are in receipt of ICB funds for the financial years 2023-24 to 2024-25.

I would be grateful if you could let me know if the expenditure data relating to each of the companies set out in the attached is accurate and if not if you could please provide accurate figures.

In the event that we do not hear back from you, we will assume that the figures in the attached are correct and that we can rely upon them in our published analysis.

Our Response

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

The attached spreadsheet includes all payments to suppliers for the financial years 2023-24 and 2024-25, as included in the North East and North Cumbria ICB's publicly available Spend over £25k returns.

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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