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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 on 17 November 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**

May I request information for the below:

1. *Renal Network Membership*: Can you confirm which renal network your ICB is affiliated with? Can this include the geographical region and name of the renal network please
2. *Other ICBs in the Network*: Can you confirm which other ICBs are members of the same renal network?
3. *Trusts in the Network*: Can you confirm which NHS Trusts are part of this renal network?
4. *Responsible Personnel*: Please provide the names and/or roles of the responsible individuals for leading or coordinating the renal network within your ICB or region. For each responsible person, can you provide their therapy area speciality.
5. *Clinical Scope and Function*: What clinical services or pathways does the Renal Network oversee or support (e.g., integrated care for patients with diabetes and CKD, heart failure management, etc.)?
6. *Performance Metrics*: What metrics are used to assess the performance of the renal network? (E.g., dialysis occupancy, transplant access, CKD progression rates, patient experience indicators). Please provide any service specifications relevant to the network
7. *Available Performance Data*: Please provide any available performance data or reports relating to the renal network's activities or outcomes.

## Our Response

We can confirm, as per Section 1(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, the ICB on this occasion is not able to provide the requested information. In line with your rights under section 1(1)(a) of the Act to be informed whether information is held, we confirm the ICB does not hold any of the information requested. However, we have determined that the information is held by NHS England.

In accordance with our duty under s.16 of the FOIA to provide reasonable advice and assistance to an individual requesting information, we have provided the FOI email for NHS England – [england.contactus@nhs.net](mailto:england.contactus@nhs.net) – to make your request to them. Please write “Freedom of Information” in the subject line.

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](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 faithfully

*Information Governance Support Officer*

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