

Our Reference North East and North Cumbria ICB\
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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 3 December 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 writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information from North East and North Cumbria ICB:

1. How many pharmacy pathfinder programmes does the ICB have? Please can you answer this as a number and also list the clinical area of focus for each pathfinder programme and the names of the pharmacists taking part and/or the business names and addresses of the pharmacies taking part.
2. Have you measured the outcomes/successes of the programme so far across the ICB? If so, please share what these outcomes were and what metrics were used.
3. How much money in total will you have paid into the pharmacy pathfinder programme since it started to the end date on 31 December 2025? Please break it down by months if possible.
4. The funding comes to an end on 31 December 2025; however NHS England is consulting with the pharmacy negotiator on a national service from April 2026 ([coverage here](#)). Will the ICB fund the service between January 2026 and end of March 2026?
5. Please state how much funding will be allocated to the programme each month between January and March and indicate the difference between current funding and this figure. If at a reduced level, please can you quantify this as a percentage of the current funding level.
6. Why are you stopping or continuing funding for the pharmacy pathfinder programmes?

If it is not possible to provide the information requested due to the information exceeding the cost of compliance limits identified in Section 12, please provide advice and assistance, under the Section 16 obligations of the Act, as to how I can refine my request.

If you can identify any ways that my request could be refined, I would be grateful for any further advice and assistance.

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. Pharmacy pathfinder programme details are noted in the table below:

Site Name	Address	ODS	IPP Pathfinder	CMDU Pilot	Lipid POCT Pilot
Boots Newcastle	Newcastle Sidgate, 2-4 Sidgate Eldon Sq, Newcastle Upon Tyne, Tyne and Wear, NE1 7XF	FQF93	Yes	No	No
Boots Durham	Boots Store, 561 Durham Marketplace, 2/5 Market Place Durham City, County Durham, DH1 3NB	FYR53	Yes	No	No
Chemcare Cleadon	Gill Chemist Ltd, 35 front St, Cleadon, South Tyneside, SR6 7PG	FHJ56	Yes	No	No
Burdon Amble (Cromie)	Cromie Pharmacy, 158 Percy Street, Amble, Morpeth, Northumberland, NE65 0AG	FKK15	Yes	Yes	Yes
Burdon Whickham	Whickham Pharmacy, Rectory Lodge, Rectory Lane, Whickham, NE16 4PD	FML40	Yes	Yes	Yes
Burdon Jarrow	Boustead Pharmacy, 187 Albert Road, Jarrow, Tyne & Wear, NE32 5AF	FNC81	Yes	No	Yes
Farah Benwell	Farah Chemists, 44 Adelaide Terrace, Benwell, Newcastle Upon Tyne, NE4 8BL	FHV54	Yes	No	Yes
AK Medical Darlington	Cockerton Pharmacy, 5 West Auckland Road, Darlington, DL3 9EJ	FWQ54	Yes	No	No
Welcome Health Skelton	Bedlington Pharmacy, The Library Site, Glebe Road, Bedlington, NE22 6JX	FK756	Yes	No	No
Welcome Health Saltburn	Saltburn Pharmacy, 6 Station Street, Saltburn, TS12 1AE	FMF83	Yes	No	No

2. NENC ICB has not measured the outcomes/successes of the programme. This is a national programme and the NHS England national team captures the data.

In accordance with our duty under s.16 of the FOIA to provide reasonable advice and assistance to an individual requesting information, the NHS England FOI address is england.contactus@nhs.net. Please write "Freedom of Information" in the subject line.

3. Monies paid in to the programme are detailed below. The ICB does not hold a monthly breakdown and for financial year 2025/26 holds information to 30/11/2025.

2023/24	£186,468
2024/25	£238,753
2025/26 (to 30/11/2025)	£282,694

4. The ICB funding of the service between January and March 2026 is currently under review.
5. Please refer to the response to question 4.

6. There has been no decision to stop funding IP. Work is ongoing to consider the feasibility of IP moving forward which will include factoring in potential costs to the ICB and what level of funding is received from NHS England.

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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