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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 25 April 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 under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request information about the delivery of the Lung Cancer Screening Programme in the Northern Cancer Alliance area.

I am developing plans for a randomised controlled trial to evaluate the effectiveness of a behaviour change intervention aimed at increasing lung cancer screening uptake. To ensure the intervention is designed to reflect current delivery practices, I would be grateful if you could provide the following information:

1. Are participants in your area offered fixed-time appointments for their lung health check, or are they required to book their own appointments?
2. Is the initial LHC delivered in person or via telephone?
3. Which provider delivers the LCS programme in your area (e.g. InHealth or another organisation)?

If you are not the appropriate person or team to respond to this request, I would appreciate it if you could kindly redirect me or advise whom I should contact.

**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. Participants are offered fixed appointments, with differing approaches as to how these are arranged, including letter, telephone call and text.
2. The initial LHC is generally via telephone. Some face-to-face appointments for participants who cannot engage in a telephone consultation.
3. NHS providers and InHealth deliver the LCS programme in the NENC area.

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 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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