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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 24 February 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, Gateshead, Newcastle, North Cumbria, North Tyneside, Northumberland, South Tyneside, Sunderland, and Tees Valley (which covers the five local authorities of Darlington, Hartlepool, Middlesbrough, Redcar and Cleveland and Stockton-on-Tees).

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 ICS. Please may you provide me with the information for the following:

1. Leadership

- Please provide the name and role of the individual(s) within the ICS responsible for overseeing governance and accountability structures related to care delivery.
- Please provide information on the accountability measures in place for ICS leaders to ensure compliance with NHS England guidelines and objectives.

2. Innovation

- Please provide the name and role of the individual(s) responsible for overseeing innovation within the ICS, specifically regarding the adoption of medical technologies.
- Please provide details of any frameworks or committees that exist to review and approve new medical technologies within the ICS.
- Please provide information on how the ICS evaluates the effectiveness of adopted medical technologies in patient care.

- Please provide details of any designated funds or budgets for innovation within the ICS, including the name and role of the individual(s) responsible for allocating these resources.

### 3. Patient Outcomes

- Please provide the name and role of the individual(s) who is accountable for patient outcomes, patient engagement and patient choice, and any performance metrics used to assess patient outcomes within the ICS.
- Please provide details on how the ICS monitors and reports on patient outcomes related to the use of medical technologies.

### 4. Specialised Commissioning

- Please provide the name and role of the individual(s) within the ICS responsible for specialised commissioning.
- Please provide details on how the ICS ensures accountability in decision-making regarding specialised commissioning, including any external review bodies.

Please provide the information electronically. If it is not possible to provide the information requested, please provide advice and assistance, as to how I can refine my 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. Governance and accountability are not set at Integrated Care System (ICS) level. For your reference, Integrated Care Systems are partnerships and NHS North East and North Cumbria Integrated Care Board (the ICB) is the statutory decision-making body of the North East and North Cumbria Integrated Care System (ICS)

For your reference, the link to the ICS design framework is <https://www.england.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/B0642-ics-design-framework-june-2021.pdf>

2. On this occasion it is not possible 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.
3. Please refer to the response to question 2.
4. Please refer to the response to question 2.

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  
Cheshire  
SK9 5AF

[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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