

Our Reference North East and North Cumbria
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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 Freedom of Information (FOI) request received by the North East and the North Cumbria Integrated Care Board (NENC ICB) on 30 January 2024.

NENC ICB covers the areas of County Durham, Gateshead, Newcastle, North Cumbria, North Tyneside, Northumberland, South Tyneside, Sunderland, and Tees Valley (which covers the 5 councils that make it up – Darlington, Hartlepool, Middlesbrough, Redcar & Cleveland, and Stockton-on-Tees).

We have dealt with your request in accordance with your “right to know” under section 1(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (subsequently referred to as FOIA2000) which entitles you to be provided with information “held” by a public authority unless an appropriate exemption applies.

Details of Request and Response

Purchase of bed capacity in the private mental health sector:

We would like to know the following information for the past 5 calendar years (please break this down into 2019, 2020 etc).

1. The total contracted spend on private in-patient mental health beds by the ICB.
2. The breakdown of the contracted spend on private in-patient mental health beds by the ICB (how much has been spent on CAMHS, older adult, PICU, general adult etc).
3. The total non-contracted/ ad-hoc/ unplanned spend on private in-patient mental health beds by the ICB.
4. The breakdown of the non-contracted/ ad-hoc/ unplanned spend on private in-patient mental health beds by the ICB.

Total forecast spend on in-patient mental health beds in 2023/24 is £5.3m, although that represents all non-NHS spend and may include some care provided for people with Learning Disabilities or Autism. This covers both contracted and non-contracted spend on inpatient care.

We don't have any specific block contract arrangements with any providers for this care but would put in place an individual agreement for each patient who is placed with a provider. The breakdown across the areas indicated is:

CAMHS	£0
Older Adult	£742k
PICU	£0
General Adult	£4,598k

This is representative of the spend levels in recent years, taking into account the impact of inflation uplifts each year.

Purchase of "Consultancy services":

We would like to know the following information for the past 5 calendar years (please break this down into 2019, 2020 etc).

Please give a breakdown of your total spend on "consultancy services" - providing information about company names, services provided, and any accountability/ efficiency reports created.

Based on the data we hold, please see attachment breaking down consultancy services by CCG/ICB, provider and financial year.



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Spend on Private Finance Initiatives:

We would like to know the following information for the past 5 calendar years (please break this down into 2019, 2020 etc).

1. Please give a breakdown of total spend on Private Finance Initiatives (both capital pay back, and also PFI interest payments).
2. Please state the end-date for all PFI payments (both capital pay back and also PFI interest payments).
3. Please state what the total PFI spend is estimated to be (both capital pay back and also PFI interest payments), when all repayments have been made.

We do not hold the information on PFIs. This is all held with NHS Property Services.

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 make a complaint or request a review of our decision, you should write to the Senior Information

Governance Officer using the contact details at the top of this letter quoting the appropriate reference number.

If you are not content with the outcome your complaint, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. 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:

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Yours sincerely

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