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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 18 March 202 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 information relating to all providers of diagnostic and planned care services that currently hold an active NHS contract with your Integrated Care Board. Kindly provide the following information for each provider and each service they deliver on behalf of NHS North East and North Cumbria ICB. Information requested:

1. *Provider(s) Information:* Name of provider(s).
2. *Service Information:* Type of service(s) provided (diagnostic imaging services).
3. *Contract Details:* Contract term (start and end date) and contract type (e.g., AQP, Block, Cost-per-case, etc.).
4. *Activity Volumes:* For the most recent full financial year (please specify which year the data relates to) annual activity for each provider per service they deliver.
5. *Financial Information:* Annual spend with each provider for each service and tariff per activity (or payment structure if non-tariff).
6. *Referrer Information:* For each service, please provide the commissioned referrer types, such as GP, Consultant, Nurse, Extended Scope Practitioner (or any other referrer categories used by the ICB).

Following the review of the data you provided and taking into consideration the S.12 exemptions you expressed, may I refine my request to the ICB and narrow the scope of my request to only the diagnostic imaging services providers/activity/financial information please.

Our Response

1. Please refer to the attached provider summary document.
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4. Please refer to the attached spreadsheet.

For your reference, we have also provided a link to NHS England statistics, showing diagnostic activity by trust, split by provider and commissioner: [Statistics » Monthly Diagnostics Data 2025-26](#)

5. The attached spreadsheet shows all diagnostic imaging service activity and cost for 2024/25, the last full financial year for which we have the info available information. Activity number of 653,328 and a cost of £38.955m.

However, the spreadsheet attached and the figures quoted is heavily caveated below:

- The values provided are the activity completed, and how it would have been paid for under tariff arrangements.
 - Trusts within the North East and North Cumbria system operated on a basis in 2024/25 financial year wherein payment for variable tariff was only paid up to a maximum amount, and therefore the values in the sheet don't necessarily represent the total amount paid.
 - Trusts outside of the NENC system were paid under Low Volume Activity arrangements in 24/25 whereby a fixed amount, as calculated by NHSE, was paid to the Trusts for all work undertaken irrespective of activity volumes.
 - It is not possible to break down what was paid specifically for diagnostic imaging services under the two arrangements described above.
 - Independent Sector providers were paid on an activity basis in 2024/25, and therefore costs shown should be representative of what was paid to them.
 - Other diagnostic work will have been undertaken in other specialities, but the payment for these is bundled into the tariff for that particular procedure and payment for diagnostics is not separately identified within these bundles.
6. 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 all 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 the acute hospital NHS foundation trusts (FTs) within the North East and North Cumbria region, as noted on the provider summary document.

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 contacts for those foundation trusts to make your request.

NENC Acute Hospital FTs	Email/Online portal
County Durham and Darlington NHS FT	cdda-tr.cddftfoi@nhs.net
Gateshead Health NHS FT	ghnt.foi.enquiries@nhs.net

North Cumbria Integrated Care NHS FT	foirequest@cumbria.nhs.uk
North Tees and Hartlepool NHS FT	nth-tr.foi@nhs.net
Northumbria Healthcare NHS FT	foi@northumbria.nhs.uk
South Tees Hospitals NHS FT	stees.foi.admin@nhs.net
South Tyneside and Sunderland NHS FT	stsft@infreemation.co.uk
The Newcastle upon Tyne Hospitals NHS FT	https://www.newcastle-hospitals.nhs.uk/help/foi/

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, Wycliff 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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