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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 22 April 2026 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

For each contracted provider that delivers one or more of the attendance types (as defined below) and for which the ICB is the responsible commissioner for payment, please provide the unit price you pay for each attendance type.

1. If contracted for per-activity payment: Please provide the unit price (£) per attendance type above, and whether MFF is applied (Yes/No/Not applicable).
2. If contracted on block-basis: Please provide the block-contract value and the activity numbers associated with that value.
3. MFF application: For each unit price you provide, please state whether MFF is applied in addition to the unit price (Yes/No/Not applicable). If No, please confirm the unit price provided is the final payable price with no MFF applied.

Definitions for this request

Specialty: Gastroenterology (Treatment Function Code 301).

Attendance types requested:

- a. New (first) outpatient attendance, face-to-face

- b. New (first) outpatient attendance, non-face-to-face (use your recorded classification, for example telephone and/or video)
- c. Follow-up outpatient attendance, face-to-face
- d. Follow-up outpatient attendance, non-face-to-face (use your recorded classification, for example telephone and/or video).

Please note virtual/remote is not listed on the National Payment Scheme and guidance from your contracts or finance teams may be required.

Our Response

1. We can confirm, as per Section 1(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, the ICB does hold the information requested. This is detailed in the attached spreadsheet.
2. NHS providers within system are paid as follows:
 - Outpatient first attendances – these are contracted on a payment for activity basis up to a maximum agreed amount for all activity under the scope of ERF. Payment is based on the tariffs published in the NHS Payment Scheme plus the relevant MFF for each provider.
 - Outpatient follow-up attendances – these are contracted on a block basis. The block isn't split between speciality types and so we're therefore not able to provide a specific value for gastroenterology
3. We can confirm, as per Section 1(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, the ICB does hold the information requested. This is detailed in the attached spreadsheet.

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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