



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 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

I am writing regarding ongoing environmental and public health issues in the Gateshead area.

There is currently a quarry operating within approximately 50 metres of residential properties, which processes and recycles demolition material, primarily concrete. In recent years, the scale and intensity of these activities have increased significantly. As a result, the level of dust generated has risen markedly.

This issue is persistent and may worsen further in light of the forthcoming demolition of the Gateshead flyover, which is likely to increase the volume of material being processed at the site.

I am therefore seeking guidance on whether there is any available data or means of assessing the prevalence of respiratory conditions among residents in the local area, in particular Springwell Village and Eighton Banks, Gateshead, the NE9 7.. postcode areas.

It would be appreciated if the data is available, if I could also be provided with national and/or regional averages, in order that comparisons can be made.

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Our Response

We can confirm, as per Section 1(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, the ICB holds the information you have requested. However, the latest Quality Outcome Framework data by practice, showing prevalence of COPD and asthma practice is publicly available at [gof-2425-prev-ach-pca-resp-prac.xlsx](#). In accordance with s.21 of the FOIA, we are not required to provide information in response to a request if it is reasonably accessible to you by other means.

The ICB does not routinely collect or publish data on the prevalence of respiratory conditions at postcode level (including NE9 7xx), nor does it undertake analysis linking health outcomes to specific environmental factors such as quarry activity or dust exposure.

Information relating to the prevalence of respiratory conditions, including national, regional and local authority comparisons, is publicly available via the Office for Health Improvement and Disparities Fingertips Public Health Profiles. This information can be accessed at: <https://fingertips.phe.org.uk/profile/respiratory-disease>

Please note, the Fingertips tool allows users to explore a range of respiratory health indicators, including disease prevalence and hospital admissions, and to compare data across different geographical areas.

For information relating to environmental exposure, air quality monitoring, or potential public health impacts of dust, you may wish to redirect your query to Gateshead Council, the UK Health Security Agency and the Environment Agency.

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 public authorities to make your request.

NENC Local Authorities	Email/Online portal
Gateshead Council	Freedom of Information request – Gateshead Council
UK Health Security Agency	informationrights@ukhsa.gov.uk
Environment Agency	enquiries@environment-agency.gov.uk

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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