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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 27 February 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 submitting this request, on behalf of myself, under the Freedom of Information Act and the Code of Practice on Openness in the NHS. Please confirm the ICB holds the following data and where it is held; please provide the data as requested.

1. Please provide a list of all providers the ICB holds contracts with for gastroenterology services (covering any form of gastroenterology services)
  - Please include both statutory NHS and Independent Sector providers
  - Please include any broader services that include a gastroenterology element
2. For each contracted provider listed in the answer to question 1, please provide the following schedules as included in the contract the ICB holds:
  - Schedule 2A or equivalent: Service Specification that describes the service (whether standalone or integrated in a broader Service Specification)
  - Schedule 3A, 3B or 3C or equivalents: Describing national currencies and any local prices that apply to the services

**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. NENC ICB holds contracts with the following providers for gastroenterology services:

County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust (CDDFT)  
Gateshead Health NHS Foundation Trust (GHFT)  
Newcastle upon Tyne Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust (NuTH)  
North Cumbria Integrated Care NHS Foundation Trust (NCIC)  
North Tees and Hartlepool NHS Foundation Trust (NTHFT)  
Northumbria Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust (NHCFT)  
Ramsey Healthcare UK  
South Tees Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust (STSFT)  
South Tyneside and Sunderland NHS Foundation Trust (STSFT)  
Spire Hospital Washington  
Tyneside Surgical Services

2. Where held, service specifications are attached:

CDDFT – Gastroenterology / Hepatology  
CDDFT – Paediatric Gastroenterology  
GHFT – no service specification held  
NCIC – no service specification held  
NuTH – no service specification held  
NHCFT – no service specification held  
NTHFT – SCH2A Endoscopy  
NTHFT – SCH2A Gastroenterology  
Ramsey Healthcare UK – Gastroenterology  
Ramsey Healthcare UK – Cobalt Hospital  
STHFT – Endoscopy and Gastroenterology  
STSFT – Gastroenterology  
STSFT – Upper Gastrointestinal Surgery  
Spire Hospital Washington Endoscopy – no service specification held  
Tyneside Surgical Services – no separate Gastroenterology specification, this is integrated in a broader service

Within the NHS, contracts are paid as part of foundation trust block contracts. Outside of the NHS, payments are in line with national tariffs.

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](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 faithfully

*Information Governance Support Officer*

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