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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 12 September 2025 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 under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request details of any applications submitted for the opening of a new NHS standard-hours community pharmacy within the South Sunderland area, particularly in or around the new housing developments.

Specifically, I would like to request the following information:

1. Details of any applications submitted in the last 24 months for a new NHS standard-hours pharmacy within the South Sunderland locality.
2. The current status of each application (e.g. pending, approved, rejected).
3. The location of any proposed new pharmacies in these applications.
4. Any upcoming consultations or planned reviews regarding new pharmacy provisions in South Sunderland.

If possible, I would appreciate it if the data could cover applications made within the area served by the Sunderland locality of the North East & North Cumbria Integrated Care Board.

If this request is outside your remit, I kindly ask that you forward it to the relevant team or provide the appropriate contact details.

Our Response

We can confirm, as per Section 1(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, the ICB does hold the information requested.

1. Since September 2023, there has been one Distance Selling Pharmacy application at the proposed premises of 1-3 William Street, Sunderland, Tyne and Wear, SR1 1UL and is currently in progress. This data covers all of Sunderland Health and Well Being Board (HWB).
2. The current application status is 'pending'.
3. As stated in the response to question 1, the application is for 1-3 William Street, Sunderland, Tyne and Wear, SR1 1UL
4. The 2025-2028 Sunderland Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA) was published on 20th July 2025. The document can be found on the Sunderland City Council website:
[Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment – Sunderland City Council](#)

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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