

Our Reference North East and North Cumbria ICB\
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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 4 November 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

We would like to make the following requests under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. This is in support of our work to provide specialist care within the community:

1. The number of specialist complex care home placements funded by the ICB (including Continuing Healthcare and jointly funded packages) in the last 12 months.
2. The number of out-of-area placements made due to the lack of availability of appropriate local complex care provision in the last 12 months.
3. The average weekly cost (range, if possible, please) for complex care home placements funded by the ICB in the last 12 months.
4. A breakdown of numbers of supported living packages/short breaks/respite care over the past 12 months.

Our Response

1. On this occasion it is not possible to provide 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; we do not hold this level of data. However, we have determined that the information may be held by the local authorities within the North East and North Cumbria region.

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 local authorities to make your request.

| NENC Local Authorities | Email/Online portal |
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| Cumbria County Council | information.governance@cumbria.gov.uk |
| Darlington Borough Council | freedomofinformation@darlington.gov.uk |
| Durham County Council | Information request |
| Gateshead Council | Freedom of Information request |
| Hartlepool Borough Council | freedomofinformation@hartlepool.gov.uk |
| Middlesbrough Borough Council | Freedom of Information request |
| Newcastle City Council | freedomofinformation@newcastle.gov.uk |
| North Tyneside Council | foiofficer@northtyneside.gov.uk |
| Northumberland County Council | Information request |
| Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council | informationgovernance@redcar-cleveland.gov.uk |
| South Tyneside Council | foi@southtyneside.gov.uk |
| Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council | foiandcomplaints@stockton.gov.uk |
| Sunderland City Council | freedom.information@sunderland.gov.uk |

2. Please refer to the response to question 1.
3. Please refer to the response to question 1.
4. Please refer to the response to question 1.

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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