

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 by North of England Commissioning Support (NECS) on 10 March 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, Gateshead, Newcastle, North Cumbria, North Tyneside, Northumberland, South Tyneside, Sunderland, and Tees Valley (which covers the five local authorities of Darlington, Hartlepool, Middlesbrough, Redcar and Cleveland and Stockton-on-Tees).

Please find the information you requested on behalf of the ICB as follows.

Your Request

I am submitting a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The request relates to the commissioning responsibilities of Integrated Care Boards with respect to commissioning support for adult and child victim-survivors of sexual violence and abuse. We define sexual violence and abuse as any sexual activity that has happened without consent, and includes rape, sexual assault, child sexual abuse (including child sexual exploitation), adult sexual exploitation, and sexual harassment.

Please provide the following information:

1. The amount of funding to be provided by you to organisations supporting sexual violence and abuse victim-survivors in your ICB area, for the 25/26 financial year. Please break this down by organisation funded, providing information about the nature of the funding arrangement, and the services to be provided by the organisation supporting victim-survivors of sexual violence and abuse, using the template table below.
2. The total amount of funding to be provided by you to organisations supporting victim-survivors of domestic abuse in your ICB area, for the 25/26 financial year.

Please note that I am requesting anonymised data only and not any information that could identify individual cases or persons involved.

I look forward to your response within the statutory 20 working days. I understand that this request is especially complex or voluminous, and that an extension may be required. If this request is considered complex or involves a large volume of data, I am happy to receive the information in separate parts to facilitate the process.

Should the request exceed the appropriate limit under s12(1) Freedom of Information Act 2000, please identify which elements of this request can be fulfilled. If you require any clarification or further information in relation to this request, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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.

County Durham place

NENC ICB in County Durham has no contracts in place to commission support for adult and child victims/survivors of sexual violence and abuse. You may wish redirect your request to Durham County Council using the email foi@durham.gov.uk

Newcastle Gateshead, North Cumbria and Northumberland and North Tyneside places

Please refer to the attached spreadsheet.

South Tyneside and Sunderland place

1. Please refer to the attached spreadsheet.
2. NENC ICB (South Tyneside and Sunderland Local Delivery Team) grant revenue funding for two elements of domestic abuse support via a partnership agreement with Sunderland City Council (SCC). This is for Sunderland residents only. Funding pays for:
 - GP Advocacy services (IDVA support, training and capacity building to support early identification, referral and intervention of abuse within general practice). This totals £50,540 of investment. SCC contracts this via Wearside Women in Need (WWIN).
 - Counselling support (adults/children). This totals £55,856. As above SCC contracts this via WWIN, with c250 victims/survivors receiving between 3 and 12 sessions annually.Both investments have been in place since 2022/23, with a contract expiration date of 31/03/2026, subject to contract review.

Tees Valley place

NENC ICB in Tees Valley do not commission any services directly for sexual or domestic violence.

For CYP, there is a permissive pathway in place via primary care and by Individual Funding Requests. This has been in place several years; however, this is classed as non-commissioned activity. Barnardo's deliver 'Healing therapies' via this pathway.

Please note, we have not yet finalised the 2025/26 financial plan and commissioning intentions for North East and North Cumbria (NENC) ICB. As a result, we are not currently able to provide the

information requested for 2025/26. Relevant contract award notices will be published in line with procurement regulations which will provide relevant information about funding provided to organisations.

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 Senior 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 complaints procedure provided by the North of England Commissioning Support Unit.

The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
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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 sincerely

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