

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 11 June 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 to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 regarding wound care services and related data collected by your Integrated Care Board (ICB).

I would be grateful if you could provide responses to the following:

1. Wound Care Data Collection
 - a. Does your ICB collect or receive data on wound care, particularly for chronic wounds (e.g. leg ulcers, pressure ulcers, diabetic foot ulcers)?
 - b. If not, are there plans to do so within the next 12 months?
 - c. What specific data points are collected (e.g. wound type, healing time, product usage, care setting, clinical outcomes)?
 - d. How is this data collected (e.g. electronic patient records, community health systems, audits)?
 - e. Is data collection standardised across providers within your ICB footprint?
2. Data Usage and Sharing
 - a. For what purposes is wound care data used (e.g. commissioning, performance management, service planning)?

- b. Is this data shared outside your organisation (e.g. NHS England, research bodies, suppliers)? If yes, under what governance or agreements?
- 3. Technology and Digital Systems
 - a. What digital systems or platforms are currently used for recording and managing wound care data (e.g. EMIS, SystmOne, bespoke solutions)?
 - b. Are there any current or upcoming digital transformation initiatives focused on wound care?
- 4. Spend and Commissioning
 - a. Does your ICB hold data on spend related to wound care (e.g. dressings, devices, service delivery)?
 - b. Are wound care services commissioned centrally by the ICB or delegated to Place or provider level?

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. We can confirm, as per Section 1(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, the ICB on this occasion is not able 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 in relation to wound care data collection and does not intend to collect such data in the next 12 months.
- 2. Please refer to the response to question 1.
- 3. Please find the ICB response for technology and digital systems:
 - a. The clinical systems in use across are EMIS and SystmOne within the GP practices.
 - b. We can confirm, as per Section 1(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, the ICB on this occasion is not able 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.

You may wish to redirect your questions to GP practices in the NENC region. For your reference, a list of practices is available on the NHS Digital website: [GP and GP practice related data – NHS England Digital](#). The GP Practices full file name is **epraccur** and for your reference, NENC ICB's Organisation Data Service (ODS) code is **QMH**.

- 4. Please find the ICB response for spend and commissioning:
 - a. Yes, the ICB holds spend data where the ICB has a specific contract with a non-NHS provider. NENC ICB does not hold spend data, where the funding has been transferred to local NHS Foundation Trusts to manage the service through their community contract.
 - b. Wound Care services commissioning responsibility is managed centrally, but the existing contracts currently relate to historic services commissioned through legacy organisations, and as mentioned above some are managed by the trusts within the system.

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 email addresses for NENC foundation trusts.

NENC Acute Hospital FTs	Email
County Durham and Darlington NHS FT	cdda-tr.cddftfoi@nhs.net
Gateshead Health NHS FT	ghnt.foi.enquiries@nhs.net
North Cumbria Integrated Care NHS FT	foirequest@cumbria.nhs.uk
North Tees and Hartlepool NHS FT	foi@nth.nhs.uk
Northumbria Healthcare NHS FT	foi@northumbria.nhs.uk
South Tees Hospitals NHS FT	foi@stees.nhs.uk
South Tyneside and Sunderland NHS FT	stsft.freedomofinformation@nhs.net
The Newcastle upon Tyne Hospitals NHS FT	nuth.freedom.information@nhs.net

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 ICB's complaints procedure.

The Information Commissioner can be contacted at Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliff 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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