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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 9 June 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 enquiring about the details of any prescribing quality scheme/ prescribing incentive scheme you have in place for financial year 2026/27 between your Integrated Care Board and your member GP practices within your area. Can you please provide the following information if possible:

1. When does the scheme run from and when does it end
2. What does the GP practice need to do to achieve as part of the scheme
3. What elements are within the scheme – can you be specific about the switches/ reviews/ medications included
4. Which practices have agreed to the scheme
5. What the payment is for the practice on achieving each element

Can you provide this information in electronic copy (Microsoft Word / Excel /PDF) under the Freedom of Information act and respond within the mandated timeframes please.

Our Response

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

The ICB has a prescribing incentive scheme called the "Prescribing Outcomes Scheme (POS)" with individual GP practices across NENC ICB. A copy of the POS is attached.

1. The scheme runs from April 2026 to March 2027.
2. This information is detailed in the Prescribing Outcome Scheme.
3. Please refer to the response to question 2.
4. All practices in NENC ICB have signed up to the scheme except for Trinity Medical Centre in South Tyneside.
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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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