



North East and North Cumbria

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By Email

Dear

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 20 June 2023 for information held by NHS North East and North Cumbria Integrated Care Board (NENC ICB) under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

NENC ICB covers the areas of County Durham, Gateshead, Newcastle, North Cumbria, North Tyneside, Northumberland, South Tyneside, Sunderland and Tees Valley (which covers the 5 councils that make it up – Darlington, Hartlepool, Middlesbrough, Redcar & Cleveland and Stockton-on-Tees).

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

Your Request

Please may you provide me, in Microsoft Excel or an equivalent electronic format, with a list of non NHS trade invoices that were not paid within 30 days for the last 6 financial years which would feed into the Regulation 113 Notice you are required to publish each year as part of your obligations under The Public Contracts Regulations 2015, with the following information for each invoice (where available):

- The name of the Supplier
- Supplier email address
- Supplier company registration number
- Supplier postal address
- Supplier telephone number

- Supplier website
- The date of the invoice
- The invoice reference
- The gross value of the Invoice
- The date the invoice should have been paid by
- The actual payment date of the invoice
- The total amount of interest liability due to late payment of the invoice
- The total amount of interest paid to the supplier due to late payment of the invoice.

We expect that this information to be readily available and easily accessible in the electronic format requested given the necessity of source data which must have been required to prepare and produce the Regulation 113 Notice.

Our Response

The North East and North Cumbria Integrated Care Board (the ICB) was only established on 1 July 2022. As a result the information provided in this response covers the 9 month period from 1 July 2022 to 31 March 2023.

The ICB measures compliance against the Better Payment Practice Code (BPPC) which requires all valid invoices to be paid by the due date or within 30 days of receipt of the invoice, whichever is later. Performance against the BPPC will be reported in the ICB's Annual Report and Accounts which are due to be published before 28 July 2023. The information provided in this response relates to those invoices which did not meet the BPPC target (i.e. valid invoices not paid by the due date or within 30 days of receipt).

A total of 865 non-NHS invoices during the period did not meet the BPPC target, out of a total of 104,653 non-NHS invoices paid. The attached spreadsheet contains details of those invoices including:

- *The name of the supplier*
- *The date of the invoice and the date the invoice was received*
- *The invoice reference (invoice number)*
- *The gross invoice value (BPPC amount £)*
- *The BPPC due date (the date the invoice should have been paid to meet the BPPC target)*
- *The actual date the invoice was paid (BPPC paid date)*
- *Supplier postal address (where available)*
- *Supplier telephone number (where available)*
- *Supplier email address (where available)*

We are not aware of any interest liability due to late payment of invoices or interest paid to any supplier due to late payment of invoices.

Supplier contact details have not been provided where the supplier is a private individual as this is considered personal data and is therefore exempt under Section 40(2) (Personal Information) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Supplier telephone number and email address has been provided where this is available, however this information is not held for every supplier.

In respect of the other supplier details requested:

- *Supplier company registration number*
- *Supplier website*

This information is not held by the ICB.

In line 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 make a complaint or 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 complaint, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. 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
SK9 5AF

www.ico.gov.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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