



North East and North Cumbria

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By Email

Dear,

Freedom of Information Act 2000 - Request for Information – NHS North East & North Cumbria Integrated Care Board.

Thank you for your request received by North of England Commissioning Support (NECS) on 20/12/22 for information held by NHS North East and North Cumbria Integrated Care Board (ICB) under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

For information Clinical Commissioning Groups ceased to exist on 30 June 2022. Services that were previously delivered by the CCG are now being delivered by the successor organisation NHS North East and North Cumbria (ICB). This 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.

Request

1. How much ARRS underspend has the ICB record in its footprint?
2. Does the ICB intend to reallocate this money to PCNs?
3. How many bids did the ICB receive for this money **in the financial year 2022/23?**
4. On average, how much did each bid ask for **in the financial year 2022/23?**
5. Can you share the bids the ICB received for this underspend? And can these documents be shared in a way to account for the large file size?
6. How many of these bids were successful?
7. How much money will be redistributed?
8. When will this money be redistributed?

9. If the money is not redistributed what will it be used for?

Response

1. *In 2022/23, the ICB (and formerly CCGs) have received £34,528k for ARRS as part of their baseline allocation, which we are currently forecasting to spend in full. In addition to this, a further £21,418k of ARRS funding is held centrally by NHSE/I, which is released to the ICB once expenditure over and above the baseline allocation is incurred. Forecast spend at M8 against that centrally held funding is £11,223k, i.e. a remaining, centrally held fund of £10,195k.*
2. *PCNs have been informed of the opportunity to utilise remaining ARRS funding, either by bringing forward 23/24 recruitment plans in line with anticipated allocations, or by temporarily increasing hours of any part time ARRS staff to help with winter pressures, in line with national DES guidance and specification requirements.*
3. *None – a bidding process was not applied, see above*
4. *Not known – due to the way spending is incurred and claimed – see above*
5. *No bid process applied*
6. *N/A – see above*
7. *Not yet known due to inability to separate core plans from additionality*
8. *As and when required, in accordance with monthly ARRS reimbursement claims process*
9. *Any centrally held ARRS funding not utilised by the ICB will be retained by NHSE/I and utilised by them as appropriate.*

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
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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,

Ehren Smith

Information Governance Officer