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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 27 February 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 writing to submit a Freedom of Information request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

I understand that NENC ICB was established on 1 July 2022, absorbing the functions and records of the predecessor Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) operating within the North East and North Cumbria region, including but not limited to NHS Newcastle Gateshead CCG, NHS North Tyneside CCG, NHS Northumberland CCG, NHS South Tyneside CCG, NHS Sunderland CCG, and others within the region. I therefore understand NENC ICB to hold or have access to the relevant records from predecessor CCGs. Please provide the following information, segmented into three distinct periods to reflect the organisational transition:

Period 1: CCG Period: 1 April 2019 to 30 June 2022 (broken down by financial year: 2019/20, 2020/21, 2021/22, and partial year April–June 2022), attributed to the predecessor CCG(s) where identifiable.

Period 2: ICB Full Financial Years: 1 July 2022 to 31 March 2025 (broken down by financial year: partial 2022/23, full 2023/24, full 2024/25).

Period 3: Partial Current Year: 1 April 2025 to the date of your response.

For each period, please provide:

1. The total number of Individual Funding Requests (IFRs) received, broken down by the financial year segments above.
2. A breakdown of IFR applications by clinical condition, diagnosis, or diagnostic category, where this information is recorded.
3. If a full breakdown by condition is not held, please provide whatever categorisation is used (e.g. by specialty, treatment type, or clinical area).

If records from the CCG period are held by a separate entity or are not fully accessible, please confirm this clearly and identify which body now holds those records so I may direct a further request accordingly.

Our Response

We can confirm, as per Section 1(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, the ICB does hold the information requested. This is detailed in the attached spreadsheet.

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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