

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 24 July 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 request the following information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Where possible, please provide the information in spreadsheet form (CSV or Excel), at individual GP practice level, or at Primary Care Network level if practice-level information is not held.

Part A. General practice workforce vacancies

1. For each GP practice in your ICB area, the number of vacant GP posts (headcount and full-time equivalent) as at the most recent date for which information is held, and, where recorded, how long each post has been vacant.
2. If practice-level vacancy information is not held, any aggregate assessment of GP workforce vacancies across the ICB area produced in the last 12 months, for example workforce planning reports or primary care strategy papers.

Part B. Patient list closures and capacity

3. The number of applications or notifications from GP practices relating to closure of their patient lists, whether formal or informal (including managed or temporary closures and agreed restrictions on new registrations), received in each of the financial years 2024/25 and 2025/26 to date, and for each one the practice name, the date received, and the outcome (approved, refused, withdrawn, or agreed).

4. For each of the same financial years, the number of GP practices in your area that closed, merged, or terminated their primary medical services contract, with the practice name and effective date in each case.
5. Any register or list currently maintained by the ICB of practices whose patient lists are formally closed, or subject to agreed restrictions on new patient registrations, as at the date of this request.
6. Any list currently maintained by the ICB of practices identified as requiring support with capacity or sustainability, for example through a primary care risk register or sustainability programme, as at the date of this request. If disclosing practice names would engage an exemption, please provide the information with practice identifiers redacted rather than refusing the item in full.

If any part of this request would exceed the cost limit under section 12 of the Act, please treat each numbered item as severable: provide the information that can be supplied within the limit and advise which items are affected. If any of the information requested is not held by the ICB, please confirm this, and I would welcome an indication under your section 16 duty of which body holds it.

Our Response

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. However, we have determined that the information is held by the individual GP practices within the North East and North Cumbria 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 **eppracur** and for your reference, NENC ICB's Organisation Data Service (ODS) code is **QMH**.

2. Please refer to the response to question 1.
3. Please find the applications or notifications from GP practices relating to closure of their patient lists:

2024/25

Practice Name	Date Received	Outcome (refused, withdrawn, agreed)
Southdene Medical Centre	13/06/2024	Agreed
The Green House Surgery	09/10/2024	Agreed
Dr S Rasool	23/10/2024	Agreed
Melrose Surgery	08/10/2024	Agreed
Dr Colvin and Partners	31/10/2024	Agreed
Brunton Park Health Centre	08/01/2025	Agreed
West View Millenium Practice	14/02/2025	Agreed

2025/26

Practice Name	Date Received	Outcome (refused, withdrawn, agreed)
The Green House Surgery	15/04/2025	Agreed
Dr S Rasool	24/04/2025	Agreed
Melrose Surgery	29/04/2025	Agreed

West Quay Medical Practice	04/06/2025	Agreed
Brunton Park Health Centre	11/07/2025	Agreed
Dr Colvin and Partners	10/12/2025	Agreed
West Quay Medical Practice	08/12/2025	Agreed

4. Please find GP practices in the NENC ICB region that closed, merged, or terminated their primary medical services contract:

2024/25

Practice Name	Effective Date	Type
Monkseaton Medical Centre	01/04/2024	Merger
Bridge Medical	01/04/2024	Merger
Fusehill Medical Practice	01/04/2024	Merger
Warwick Road Surgery/ Carlisle Central Practice	01/04/2024	Merger

2025/26

Practice Name	Effective Date	Type
Riverside Medical Practice	01/06/2025	Merger
Normanby Medical Centre	01/10/2025	Merger
The Eston Surgery	01/10/2025	Terminated

5. Please find details of practices whose patient list are formally closed, or subject to agreed restrictions on new patient registrations, as at the date of this request:

Practice Name	ODS Code
Castlegate and Derwent	A82021

6. On this occasion it is not possible 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 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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