

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 by North of England Commissioning Support (NECS) on 18 April 2024 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).

We have dealt with your request in accordance with your “right to know” under section 1(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (subsequently referred to as FOIA2000) which entitles you to be provided with information “held” by a public authority unless an appropriate exemption applies.

Your Request

Please can you respond to the following request for Information for North East and North Cumbria Integrated Care Board. The details I require are:

1. Spend on Office supplies and associated products for the below financial years.

1st April 2022 – 31st March 2023

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2. Start date & duration of Contract?
3. Is there an extension clause in the contract and, if so, the duration of the extension?
4. Has a decision been made yet on whether the contract is to be either extended or renewed?
5. Who is the senior officer (outside of procurement) responsible for the contract?
6. Name of Incumbent Supplier?
7. How long have you traded with them?
8. If you publish your register of contracts and purchasing, can you please provide a website link.

9. In addition, can you confirm if you have a contract in place for Tail End Spend.

Our Response

We can confirm, as per Section 1(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, the ICB holds some of the information you have requested.

In response to question 1, NENC ICB spend on office supplies and associated products is:

Financial Year	2022/2023	2023/2024
Period	01/07/2022 - 31/03/2023	01/04/2023 - 31/03/2024
Stationery	20,288.65	23,605.51
Copier Rental	9,167.85	22,828.41
Printing	17,676.47	28,230.19
2-Year Subscription to Photo Library	0.00	864.00
Furniture Risers	29.63	0.00
Total	47,162.60	75,528.11

NENC ICB purchases office supplies via NHS Shared Business Services (NHS SBS), via their procurement processes and catalogues. It does not undertake its own separate procurement processes.

Therefore, 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 for questions 2 to 9.

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 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 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 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

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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 sincerely

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