

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 30 March 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 information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 relating to the commissioning and delivery of Lung Health Check / Lung Cancer Screening programmes within your organisation's area of responsibility.

Please provide responses to the questions below. If any part of the information is not held by your organisation, I would be grateful if you could confirm this and, where possible, indicate which organisation may hold the relevant information.

Programme Existence and Delivery

1. Do you currently operate a Lung Health Check / Lung Cancer Screening programme?
2. Is the programme delivered:
 - Directly by the NHS, or
 - By a third party / private sector provider? If so, who?

Scanning and Equipment

3. If the programme is delivered directly by the NHS, has CT scanning equipment been purchased to support delivery of the programme?
4. How is CT scanning capacity delivered as part of the programme:
 - In-house,

- Via mobile units, or
- Via a third party provider?

Contractual Information

5. What is the contract start date for the Lung Health Check / Lung Cancer Screening programme?
6. What is the contract end date (or expected end date, if applicable)?
7. Who is the responsible officer or programme director for the programme?

Funding

8. What is the total funding allocated to Lung Health Checks / Lung Cancer Screening in your area for the current financial year?
9. What is the source of this funding (for example: NHS England, Integrated Care Board, Cancer Alliance, or other)?

Commissioning Responsibility

10. Which organisation is the commissioning body for the programme?
 - NHS England
 - Integrated Care Board (ICB)
 - Cancer Alliance
 - Other (please specify)

Programme Footprint and Delivery Model

11. At what level is the programme commissioned and delivered:
 - ICB level,
 - Trust level,
 - Place / locality level, or
 - A combination of the above?

Future Plans

12. Are there any current plans to expand the programme footprint or change the delivery model within the next 12–24 months?

Integrated Screening

13. In light of any recent or planned ICB mergers or footprint changes, are there plans to develop an integrated screening programme (for example, combining lung screening with other screening pathways)?

Please provide the information in electronic format. If the cost of responding to this request exceeds the appropriate limit, I would be grateful if you could advise which questions could be refined or removed to bring the request within scope.

Thank you for your assistance. I look forward to your response within the statutory timeframe.

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.

1. Yes, NENC ICB currently operates a Lung Health Check / Lung Cancer Screening programme.

2. The programme is delivered directly by the NHS and also by a private sector/third party provider, In-Health
3. 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 acute hospital NHS foundation trusts (FTs) within the North East and North Cumbria region who provide lung health services.

In accordance with our duty under s.16 of the FOIA to provide reasonable advice and assistance to an individual requesting information, we have provided the FOI contacts for those foundation trusts to make your request.

| NENC Acute Hospital FTs | Email/Online portal |
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| County Durham and Darlington NHS FT | cdda-tr.cddftfoi@nhs.net |
| South Tyneside and Sunderland NHS FT | stsft@infreemation.co.uk |
| The Newcastle upon Tyne Hospitals NHS FT | https://www.newcastle-hospitals.nhs.uk/help/foi/ |

4. CT scanning capacity is delivered in house, via mobile units and via a third-party provider.
5. Contract start dates are:

County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust: 1 February 2024
 South Tyneside and Sunderland NHS Foundation Trust: 1 April 2024.
 The Newcastle upon Tyne Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust: 1 April 2024.
 In-Health: 24 October 2024.

6. Contract end dates are:

County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust: Contract end date 31 January 2026 – the option to extend has been exercised and the contract will end on 31 December 2027.
 South Tyneside and Sunderland NHS Foundation Trust: 31 March 2027.
 Newcastle upon Tyne Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust: 31 March 2027
 In-Health: 23 October 2028.

7. The responsible officer is the ICB place director.
8. The funding allocation to Lung Health Checks / Lung Cancer Screening is £3.2million.
9. The funding source is NHS England.
10. NENC ICB is the commissioning body for this programme.
11. The programme is commissioned and delivered at place/locality level.
12. There are no current plans to expand the programme footprint or change the delivery model within the next 12–24 months
13. There are no current plans to develop an integrated screening programme.

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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