

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 17 March 2025 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, Gateshead, Newcastle, North Cumbria, North Tyneside, Northumberland, South Tyneside, Sunderland, and Tees Valley (which covers the five local authorities of Darlington, Hartlepool, Middlesbrough, Redcar and Cleveland and Stockton-on-Tees).

Please find the information you requested on behalf of the ICB as follows.

Your Request

Under the Freedom of Information Act I would like to request the following information:

1. The number of applications received by the ICB for children's continuing care (CCC) assessments (aged 0-18):
 - From 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024 inclusive
 - From 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023 inclusive
2. The number of children's NHS continuing care assessments carried out by your ICB (aged 0-18):
 - From 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024 inclusive.
 - From 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023 inclusive.

If this is a two-stage assessment process, please provide data for stage one and stage 2 assessments.

3. The total number of new children's NHS continuing care packages (0-18) agreed by the ICB:

- From 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024.
- From 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023.

4. The total number of children's NHS continuing care packages funded by the ICB as of:

- 31 March 2024
- 31 March 2023
- 31 March 2022

For each of these year-ends snapshot figures above, please provide the % of these care packages for children that were joint funded with local authority social care services.

For each of these year-ends snapshot figures above, please provide the number of care packages for children that lasted more than 12 months. To clarify this question, please provide a single number covering both full NHS funded packages AND those jointly funded with the LA social services.

5. The total amount spent on children's NHS continuing care packages funded by the ICB:

- From 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024.
- From 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023.

Please ensure I receive the requested information within 20 working days.

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. Applications received for children's continuing care assessments:

April 2023 – March 2024	249
April 2022 – March 2023	168

2. Children's NHS continuing care assessments:

<u>April 2023 – March 2024</u>	
Pre-Assessment Checklist	249
Initial Assessment DST	113

<u>April 2022 – March 2023</u>	
Pre-Assessment Checklist	168
Initial Assessment DST	57

3. New children's NHS continuing care packages (0-18) agreed by the ICB:

April 2023 – March 2024	348 new packages started in this period (CCC)
April 2022 – March 2023	523 new packages started in this period

4. Children's NHS continuing care packages funded by the ICB:

31 March 2024	69	22.9%
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31 March 2023	81	24.7%
31 March 2022	56	26.1%

Percentage of these care packages joint funded with local authority social care services:

31 March 2024	214	71%
31 March 2023	217	66.3%
31 March 2022	127	59.3%

Care packages for children that lasted more than 12 months.

31 March 2024	72
31 March 2023	190
31 March 2022	90

5. The total amount spent on children's NHS continuing care packages funded by the ICB:

April 2023 – March 2024

County Durham	£2,880,358
Gateshead	£5,036,178
Newcastle	£7,797,033
Tees Valley	£8,799,072

July 2022 – March 2023

County Durham	£2,311,781
Gateshead	£3,100,977
Newcastle	£2,464,448
Tees Valley	£6,374,168

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 for North Cumbria, Northumberland and North Tyneside and Sunderland and South Tyneside places

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 local authorities within the North East and North Cumbria region.

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 email addresses for those local authorities to make your request.

NENC Local Authorities	Email
Cumbria County Council	information.governance@cumbria.gov.uk
North Tyneside Council	foiofficer@northtyneside.gov.uk
Northumberland County Council	foi@northumberland.gov.uk
South Tyneside Council	foi@southtyneside.gov.uk
Sunderland City Council	freedom.information@sunderland.gov.uk

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
SK9 5AF

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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