

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 4 June 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

May I, please request, under the Freedom of Information Act and Regulations, the following:

1. How many Practices within your ICB have not signed up to PCNs? Please give names of practices
2. How many Practices within your ICB have not joined PCNs AND not signed data-sharing agreements with any PCN to give full access to patients' records? Please give names of practices
3. If there are such Practices within your ICB who have not signed up to PCNs and not signed data-sharing agreements with any PCN, then what is the ICB's strategy for providing the PCN services to the patients of such Practices?
4. If ICB has a local agreement with practices that have not signed up to PCNs and not signed data-sharing agreements with any PCN to provide PCN services to own practice population, please provide a copy of such local agreement.
5. How would the current non PCN practice/s position themselves in the new neighbourhood schemes if neighbourhood scheme is being rolled out in your ICB?

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. There are two practices that have not signed up to PCNs. These are Riverside Surgery and The Adderlane Surgery, both in Northumberland.
2. 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 as this would be an agreement between the practice and the PCN.

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 website addresses for the practices to make your request.

GP Practice / PCN	Practice website
Riverside Surgery	Riversdale Surgery
The Adderlane Surgery	The Adderlane Surgery

3. For the two practices not signed up to a PCN NENC ICB supports the practice alongside West Northumberland PCN.
4. Please find attached the local agreement with practices. This is dated 2024/25, however, it is the most up to date version held by NENC ICB.
5. We do not hold a record of that information; this will be evolving in provider discussions.

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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