

Our Reference North East and North Cumbria ICB\
FOI ICB 24–221

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By Email

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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 28 August 2024 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

I am writing regarding an FOI data request for your ICB about expenditure sign off processes. We look forward to receiving the data within 20 working days.

If it is not possible to provide the information requested due to the information exceeding the cost of compliance limits identified in Section 12, please provide advice and assistance, under the Section 16 obligations of the Act, as to how I can refine my request. If you need any clarification on any part of my request, then please contact me.

Under your section 16 duty to provide advice and assistance I would expect you to contact me if you find this request unmanageable in any way before the twentieth working day. If for any reason you are not able to fulfil all parts of my request, please respond to those that you can respond to, setting out your reasons for no responding to the entire request.

1. What is the name of your ICB?
2. In the financial year 2023-24, how many requests for additional funding were received by your organisation under the double lock system?

3. In the financial year 2023-24, how many requests for additional funding were received by your organisation under the triple lock system?
4. Does your organisation have a target timeframe to respond to requests for additional funding?
Please select: Yes/No
5. If so, what is that target time frame? Select as appropriate:
6. Based on the experience of your organisation, are you successful in meeting this target?
Please select: Yes / No / Sometimes / Not Applicable

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. North East and North Cumbria (NENC) Integrated Care Board.
2. None – "double lock system" did not apply to NENC ICB in 2023/24.
3. None – "triple lock system" did not apply to NENC ICB in 2023/24.
4. No.
5. Please refer to the response to question 4.
6. Please refer to the response to question 4.

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 faithfully

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Information Governance Officer