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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 22 April 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, 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

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I would like to request the following information regarding adult neurological and mental health services.

- 1. Please provide the total number of adults (aged 18 to 64) with a primary support need of mental-ill health funded by the ICB and receiving long-term nursing care in a care home. Please provide the total number in placement at 31 March of each year from 2023 to 2025, and projected at 31 March 2026.
- 2. Please provide the total number of adults (aged 18 to 64) with a primary support need of mental-ill health funded by the ICB and receiving long-term nursing care in a care home. Please provide the total number of new placements made during the financial year to 31 March 2025.
- 3. Please provide a list of providers with which the ICB is funding adults (aged 18 to 64) with a primary support need of mental-ill health receiving long-term nursing care in a care home. Please provide the full list of providers at 31 March 2025.
- 4. Please provide a list of the five providers with which the ICB is funding the largest number of adults (aged 18 to 64) with a primary support need of mental-ill health receiving long-term nursing care in a care home. For each of the top five providers by volume of service users, please provide the number of service users funded during March 2025 and the corresponding expenditure by the ICB during the month of March 2025.

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- 5. Please provide a list of the five providers with which the ICB is spending the most with on placements for adults (aged 18 to 64) with a primary support need of mental-ill health receiving long-term nursing care in a care home. For each of the top five providers by expenditure on placements, please provide the number of service users funded during March 2025 and the corresponding expenditure by the ICB during the month of March 2025.
- 6. Please provide the number of adults (aged 18 to 64) with a primary support need of mental-ill health funded by the ICB and receiving long-term care in a nursing care home setting with fees per week of a) less than £1,000, b) £1,000 to £3,000, and c) more than £3,000. *Please provide the number of adults at 31 March 2025.*
- 7. Please provide the total number of adults (aged 18 to 64) with a primary support need of neurological condition funded by the ICB and receiving long-term nursing care in a care home. Please provide the total number in placement at 31 March of each year from 2023 to 2025, and projected at 31 March 2026.
- 8. Please provide the total number of adults (aged 18 to 64) with a primary support need of neurological condition funded by the ICB and receiving long-term nursing care in a care home. Please provide the total number of new placements made during the financial year to 31 March 2025.
- 9. Please provide a list of providers with which the ICB is funding adults (aged 18 to 64) with a primary support need of neurological condition receiving long-term nursing care in a care home. Please provide the full list of providers at 31 March 2025.
- 10. Please provide a list of the five providers with which the ICB is funding the largest number of adults (aged 18 to 64) with a primary support need of neurological condition receiving long-term nursing care in a care home. For each of the top five providers by volume of service users, please provide the number of service users funded during March 2025 and the corresponding expenditure by the ICB during the month of March 2025.
- 11. Please provide a list of the five providers with which the ICB is spending the most with on placements for adults (aged 18 to 64) with a primary support need of neurological condition receiving long-term nursing care in a care home. For each of the top five providers by expenditure on placements, please provide the number of service users funded during March 2025 and the corresponding expenditure by the ICB during the month of March 2025.
- 12. Please provide the number of adults (aged 18 to 64) with a primary support need of neurological condition funded by the ICB and receiving long-term care in a nursing care home setting with fees per week of a) less than £1,000, b) £1,000 to £3,000, and c) more than £3,000. Please provide the number of adults at 31 March 2025.

For the avoidance of doubt, when referring to the terms 'neurological' and 'neurological care need', please include brain injury (including acquired brain injury and traumatic brain injury), spinal injury, neuro-disabilities (including but not limited to Parkinson's disease, early-onset dementia, multiple sclerosis, motor neurone disease, Huntington's disease, cerebral palsy and epilepsy), stroke, neurobehavioural rehabilitation and cognitive rehabilitation. This list is meant as a guide and is by no means exhaustive.

Where 'neurological' or 'neurological care need' is not recorded, please provide figures for 'physical support: access & mobility only' and 'physical support: personal care support'.

For the avoidance of doubt, when referring to the term 'mental ill-health', please include; anxiety, depression, personality disorder, severe affective disorders, schizophrenia, and mental ill-health that causes challenging behaviour, all of which are to such a degree that the person experiences significant impairment and as such is unable to care for themselves independently. This list is meant as a guide and is by no means exhaustive.

To clarify:

- 1. Please ensure that CHC fully funded, as well as jointly funded and Section 117 packages, are included.
- 2. If available, please also provide the total number.

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 to 6, NENC ICB does not hold information for individuals receiving funded nursing care for Northumberland, South Tyneside, North Tyneside and Sunderland. The ICB has agreements with those Local Authorities that they hold that information. For individuals funded through MHA 1983 S.117 in North Cumbria, the ICB also doesn't hold this information, and it is held by the two Local Authorities for that area.

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 these local authorities below.

| 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 |

The responses below relate to County Durham, Newcastle Gateshead, North Cumbria (in part) and Tees Valley.

1. The total number of adults in placement, on the dates requested are noted in the table below:

| Year | 25/26 | 24/25 | 23/24 | 22/23 |
|------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Number of Adults | 175 | 175 | 172 | 160 |

- 2. 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. Our system is unable to track this detail.
- 3. Please refer to the list on the attached document.
- 4. Provider detail, patient numbers and expenditure are detailed in the table below:

| Provider | No of | March 2025 |
|--|----------|------------|
| | Patients | Total |
| Seymour House, Hartlepool (Seymour House (Hartlepool) Ltd) | 12 | £8,388.29 |
| Harmony House Nursing Home, Redcar (Gradestone Ltd) | 10 | £16,945.13 |
| Kingsway Nursing Home, Langley Park (Kingsway Care Home | 10 | £19,803.73 |
| Ltd/Advinia Healthcare Ltd) | | |
| Tyne Grange Care Home, Newcastle Upon Tyne (Tyne Grange | 10 | £34,949.40 |
| Health Care Ltd) | | |
| Abbeymoor Neurodisability Centre, Swalwell (Lifeways | 8 | £23,631.77 |
| Community Care Ltd) | | |

5. Provider detail, patient numbers and expenditure are detailed in the table below

| Provider | No of | March 2025 |
|---|----------|------------|
| | Patients | Total |
| Tyne Grange Care Home, Newcastle Upon Tyne (Tyne Grange | 10 | £34,949.40 |
| Health Care Ltd) | | |
| Hollyhurst, Darlington (Cygnet (DH) Ltd) | 2 | £24,262.19 |
| Abbeymoor Neurodisability Centre, Swalwell (Lifeways | 8 | £23,631.77 |
| Community Care Ltd) | | |
| Orchard View, Newcastle Upon Tyne (Careline Lifestyles (UK) Ltd | 4 | £23,210.01 |
| Jubilee Mews, Gosforth (Mental Health Concern) | 7 | £22,756.92 |

6. The table below shows numbers of patients in each bracket:

| Weekly rate Bracket | No of Patients |
|---------------------|----------------|
| Less than £1,000 pw | 140 |
| £1,000 to £3,000 pw | 33 |
| More than £3,000 pw | 2 |

On this occasion it is not possible to provide the requested information for your questions 7 to 12. 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 patients whose primary support need is neurological.

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 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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