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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 5 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

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, we are requesting information regarding the commissioning of adult sleep apnoea diagnostic and treatment services within your ICB.

For the purposes of this request, "sleep apnoea services" refers to services for the diagnosis and treatment of obstructive sleep apnoea and related sleep-disordered breathing conditions in adults.

1. Sleep apnoea diagnostic and treatment service

- a. Does your ICB commission a sleep apnoea diagnostic and treatment service? (Y/N)
- b. If no, please state:
 - Which organisation is responsible for commissioning the service; and/or
 - Whether commissioning responsibility sits directly with a provider organisation or another NHS body.

2. Service delivery

- a. Please identify the provider organisation(s) currently delivering the service commissioned by your ICB (both NHS and private providers).
- b. For each provider, please provide:
 - Provider name

- Contract start date
- Contract end date (or indicate if the arrangement is open-ended)

3. Payment

What payment mechanism is used to fund the service? Please provide the description used within the contract or commissioning agreement (for example: block contract, cost and volume arrangement, aligned payment and incentives/LVA payments/activity-based payment (NTPS), local payment agreements (LPA), or another mechanism (i.e. transformation funds)

4. Expenditure value

What was the value of expenditure by the ICB on sleep apnoea services during the most recent completed financial year for which data are available? If expenditure is not separately identifiable, please state this.

5. Commissioning

If recorded information is available, please indicate whether sleep apnoea services are commissioned:

- As a standalone service or budget line;
- As part of a wider respiratory services contract;
- As part of a broader long-term conditions or elective care contract; or
- Under another arrangement (please specify)

Our Response

1. Sleep apnoea diagnostic and treatment service

- Yes, NENC ICB commissions a sleep apnoea diagnostic and treatment service.
- Please refer to the response to question 1a.

2. Service delivery

- The provider organisations currently delivering the service are:

County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust
 Northumbria Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust
 North Cumbria Integrated Care NHS Foundation Trust
 North Tees and Hartlepool NHS Foundation Trust
 South Tees Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
 South Tyneside and Sunderland NHS Foundation Trust
 The Newcastle upon Tyne Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

- For all providers the contract start date is 01/04/2024 and contract end date is 31/03/2027.

3. Payment

The payment mechanism is block contract.

4. Expenditure value

The value of expenditure by the ICB on sleep apnoea services is not available separately as this forms part of a wider service provision.

5. Commissioning

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.

The foundation trusts (FTs) noted in response to question 2 are contracted to provide sleep services as part of their FT contract and within their block financial contract. These services will be provided as part of a wider service provision, e.g., respiratory.

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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