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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 27 March 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, please provide me with the following information:

1. The total number of patients who have been referred to Tyneside Pregnancy Advice Centre (operated by the registered charity Foundation For Life), which has the charity number 1188868, by healthcare services part of the NHS North East and North Cumbria ICB for each calendar year from 2020 to 2026.
2. A list of the names of the healthcare services part of the NHS North East and North Cumbria ICB that have referred patients to Tyneside Pregnancy Advice Centre (operated by the registered charity Foundation For Life), which has the charity number 1188868, in any calendar year from 2020-2026, with the number of referrals each have made.
3. A copy of any criteria used by practitioners' part of the NHS North East and North Cumbria ICB to verify the safety and quality of care provided by external services or organizations before patients are referred to them.

Please provide these in an Excel or CSV format. If exact figures are not available, please provide an approximation based on the records you hold, or provide a partial list if a full list is not available. If you do not hold any of this information, please could you direct me to which public authority does. Please respond to this email address and feel free to get in touch if you need me to clarify my request.

Our Response

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.

NENC ICB does not hold a contract with Tyneside Pregnancy Advice Service so would not hold information about the number of patients referred to them. However, we have determined that the information is held by Tyneside Pregnancy Advice Service.

In accordance with our duty under s.16 of the FOIA to provide reasonable advice and assistance to an individual requesting information, their email contact is info@tyneside-pregnancy.org.uk and their website address is <https://www.tyneside-pregnancy.org.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 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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