

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 6 November 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

Please could I request the following information Under the Freedom of Information Act:

1. The total spend on commissioning maternity services for each year since 2019.
2. The total number of mothers using maternity services each year since 2019.
3. The total funding in pounds sterling allocated to gynaecological services for each year since 2019.

Please could you provide this information by email, preferably in a spreadsheet.

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.

Our Response

We can confirm, as per Section 1(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, the ICB does hold the information requested.

1. The total spend on commissioning maternity services is detailed in the table below. Please also refer to the notes provided.

Financial Year	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24
Maternity Services Funding (£000)	120,126	127,882	146,143	147,611	160,091

Please note the following with reference to question 1 and question 3:

- The ICB pays the majority of its NHS providers via block contract arrangement for all non-ERF services and therefore what we have provided represents the amounts, which would have been due under the NHS Payment Scheme had the contracts been variable
 - Information for one former CCG area is not readily accessible for 19/20 and 20/21
 - The reduction in gynaecology funding in 20/21 is deemed due to COVID-19 and cancellation of elective services
 - There are some issues with maternity data submission in 24/25 from two providers
 - Some costs will be included as part of wider block contracts which are not able to be split into just gynaecology costs
2. We can confirm, as per Section 1(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, the ICB does hold the information you have requested. However, maternity data by ICB for live births by gestation and ICB, England 2019 to 2023 is publicly available at the website <https://www.ons.gov.uk/peoplepopulationandcommunity/birthsdeathsandmarriages/livebirths/dhocs/2451livebirthsbygestationandintegratedcareboardicbengland2019to2023>
- In accordance with s.21 of the FOIA, we are not required to provide information in response to a request if it is reasonably accessible to you by other means.
3. Total funding allocated is detailed in the table below. Please also refer to the notes provided in the response to question 1.

Financial Year	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25
Gynaecology Services Funding (£000)	54,734	39,886	59,532	70,767	80,262	84,551

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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