



# North East and North Cumbria

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By Email

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 21 December 2023 for information held by NHS North East and North Cumbria Integrated Care Board (NENC ICB) under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

NENC ICB covers the areas of County Durham, Gateshead, Newcastle, North Cumbria, North Tyneside, Northumberland, South Tyneside, Sunderland, and Tees Valley (which covers the 5 councils that make it up – Darlington, Hartlepool, Middlesbrough, Redcar & Cleveland and Stockton-on-Tees).

Please find the information you requested on behalf of the ICB as follows.

### **Your Request**

#### **Could you please provide the following information?**

Please supply the *average daily rate* for a person with a learning disability and/or autistic person in an inpatient bed commissioned by the ICB in the financial year 22/23 where the patient was included in the Assuring Transformation criteria\*

- We recognise that some of your inpatient provision will be provided by the NHS, some will be independent provision, some will be part of block contracts and some will be spot purchased.
- Taking into account the different types and costs of provision you use, please give an overall average daily rate for one person with a learning disability and/or autistic person in an inpatient bed commissioned by the ICB.

- If a patient was in a bed that is part of a block contract and you are unable to give an individual cost of that specific bed to inform the overall average, instead use an average daily rate for one inpatient bed across the whole block contract.
- As the accountable body please supply information even where the ICB has delegated commissioning responsibility to another body.

\* Note: the Assuring Transformation dataset criteria is: 'if a person is in a specialist hospital bed (either mental health or learning disability) and that person has a learning disability or autism': <https://digital.nhs.uk/data-and-information/data-collections-and-data-sets/data-collections/assuring-transformation#the-in-scope-definition>. If you are not personally familiar with the Assuring Transformation dataset your Learning Disability and Autism commissioner is likely to be able to assist.

Note: some of these inpatients are ICB-commissioned (commissioned directly by the ICB or commissioning is delegated by the ICB) and some are NHSE-commissioned. This FOI focuses on those who are ICB-commissioned.

## **Our Response**

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

*This response covers North East and North Cumbria Integrated Care Board (ICB): As autistic people and people with a learning disability can access all North East and North Cumbria inpatient bed pathways we have used the average daily costs for our learning disability assessment and treatment unit as the baseline.*

*Therefore, the average daily rate for a person with a learning disability and / or autistic person in an inpatient bed commissioned by this ICB in 22/23 financial year where that person was included in the Assuring Transformation Criteria\* was £780 per day.*

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  
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[www.ico.org.uk](http://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](http://www.legislation.gov.uk) . This will not affect your initial information request.

Yours sincerely

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