

Our Reference North East and North Cumbria ICB\
FOI ICB 24–105

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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 by North of England Commissioning Support (NECS) on 6 June 2024 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, Gateshead, Newcastle, North Cumbria, North Tyneside, Northumberland, South Tyneside, Sunderland, and Tees Valley (which covers the five local authorities of Darlington, Hartlepool, Middlesbrough, Redcar and Cleveland and Stockton-on-Tees).

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

Your Request

Please find below a Freedom of Information request pursuant to the Freedom of Information (FOI) Act 2000. I would prefer to receive the information in electronic format, and in Microsoft Excel if possible. To clarify, I would be grateful if you could provide the information for the financial year 2023/2024 only.

1. Do you collect or hold data on the following:
 - a. The number of assessments and the number of individuals eligible for standard and fast-track NHS continuing healthcare by age (e.g. date of birth)
 - b. The number of assessments and the number of individuals eligible for standard and fast-track NHS continuing healthcare by gender
 - c. The number of assessments and the number of individuals eligible for standard and fast-track NHS continuing healthcare by ethnicity
 - d. The number of assessments and the number of individuals eligible for standard and fast-track NHS continuing healthcare by patient diagnosis type

Please complete the table with a yes or no. If yes to any, please specify the year from which data is available.

	By age (e.g. date of birth)	By gender	By ethnicity	By patient diagnosis type
Number of assessments for standard NHS continuing healthcare				
Number of assessments for fast-track NHS continuing healthcare				
Number of individuals eligible for standard NHS continuing healthcare				
Number of individuals eligible for fast-track NHS continuing healthcare				

2. If the answer to any of the above was yes, for each of the years from April 2017 to March 2024 please provide (by quarter):
- The number of assessments and the number of individuals eligible for standard and fast-track NHS continuing healthcare by age (broken down into these age bands: 18-24, 25-34, 35-44, 45-54, 55-64, 65-74, 75-84, 85+)
 - The number of assessments and the number of individuals eligible for standard and fast-track continuing healthcare broken down by gender
 - The number of assessments and the number of individuals eligible for standard and fast-track NHS continuing healthcare broken down by ethnicity
 - The number of assessments and the number of individuals eligible for standard and fast-track NHS continuing healthcare broken down by patient diagnosis type

Please provide the numbers for standard and fast-track continuing healthcare separately.

3. Please provide the number of people who – as of 31st March 2024 - were receiving NHS continuing healthcare funding in each of the locations listed below. Please provide the figures for people receiving standard and fast-track continuing healthcare separately.
- In their own home
 - In a residential care home
 - In a hospice
 - In a nursing home
 - Other: please specify
4. Please provide the number of people who – as of 31st March 2024 - were registered in the ICS and were receiving NHS continuing healthcare funding outside the area covered by the ICS. Please provide the figures for people who are receiving standard and fast-track NHS continuing healthcare separately.

5. Please provide total ICB (and if possible its predecessor CCGs) expenditure on NHS continuing healthcare from 2017-18 to the latest available in-year figure for 2023-24. Please make clear within the release how total expenditure has been defined – for example whether the figure provided is total net or total gross expenditure.
6. Where held, please provide, from 2017-18 to the latest available in-year figure for 2023-24, NHS continuing healthcare expenditure broken down by:
 - a. The following funding types:
 - Standard NHS continuing healthcare
 - Fast Track NHS continuing healthcare
 - NHS-funded nursing care
 - b. Care packages for standard NHS continuing healthcare broken down into these age bands: 18-24, 25-34, 35-44, 45-54, 55-64, 65-74, 75-84, 85+
 - c. Care packages for standard NHS continuing healthcare by patient diagnosis type
 - d. Cost of reimbursements for care following a successful appeal
7. For each of the years from April 2017 to March 2024 please provide the minimum, mean and maximum amount of time taken between a decision on eligibility and a care package commencing:
 - a. For standard NHS continuing healthcare
 - b. For fast-track NHS continuing healthcare
8. For each of the years from April 2017 to March 2024 please provide:
 - a. The number of requests made to your ICB (and previously CCGs) for an independent review panel following a local review upholding a decision of ineligibility for NHS continuing healthcare.
 - b. The number of decisions of ineligibility for NHS continuing healthcare made by your ICB (and previously CCGs) that were overturned at the independent review panel.
 - c. The number of decisions of ineligibility for NHS continuing healthcare made by your ICB (and previously CCGs) that were upheld at the independent review panel

Our Response

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

Responses to questions 1-4 and 7-8 are provided by individual CHC teams, below and in attached spreadsheets.

Responses to questions 5 and 6 cover, County Durham, Newcastle, Gateshead, North Cumbria, and Tees Valley ICB places, plus North Tyneside place where noted.

On this occasion it is not possible to provide all the requested information for Northumberland, North Tyneside, Sunderland and South Tyneside ICB places. 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. However, we have determined that the information is held by the local authorities within the North East and North Cumbria region for these ICB places.

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 those local authorities to make your request.

NENC Local Authorities	Email
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

Q5 (County Durham, Newcastle, Gateshead, North Cumbria and Tees Valley): Total ICB CHC expenditure for 2023/24 is £436m for ICB places noted. This is total cost for all expenditure reported for CHC, it includes adults, children and support costs. For other ICB places, please redirect your questions to local authorities.

Q6a (County Durham, Newcastle, Gateshead, North Cumbria, North Tyneside and Tees Valley):

Total Standard CHC expenditure	£203.3m
Total ICB Fast Track expenditure	£16.2m
Total ICB Funded Nursing Care expenditure	£27.3m

For other ICB places, please redirect your questions to local authorities.

Q6b (County Durham, Newcastle, Gateshead, North Cumbria and Tees Valley):

Age	CHC FF Spend
18-24	29,076,051
25-34	37,566,301
35-44	28,418,172
45-54	20,404,088
55-64	21,808,702
65-74	18,313,356
75-84	24,156,934
85+	23,464,399
	203,208,003.00

Q6c: 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.

Q6d (County Durham, Newcastle, Gateshead, North Cumbria and Tees Valley): Total appeals/retrospective payments £883.6k. For other ICB places, please redirect your questions to local authorities.

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
SK9 5AF

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 sincerely

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