

Our Reference North East and North Cumbria ICB\
FOI ICB 24–310

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By Email

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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 8 November 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

I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information from your Trust. Please may you provide answers to the following:

1. Population and budget allocation

Please provide the current estimated number of people within your ICB diagnosed with each of the following long-term conditions:

- a. Obesity
- b. Diabetes
- c. Chronic kidney disease
- d. Cardiovascular disease
- e. Liver disease.

2. Integrated care services

Please provide details of any services supporting integrated care pathways for multiple long-term conditions, specifically targeting obesity, diabetes, chronic kidney disease, cardiovascular disease, and liver disease.

3. Leadership and partnerships

- a. Who is the lead for long-term conditions in your ICB? Who is the clinical lead? Please provide a list of ICB leadership roles focused on supporting people with long-term conditions.
- b. Please provide details of any partnerships with pharmaceutical companies or independent providers related to the management of long-term conditions from 2020 onwards, including the purpose of each partnership and its outcomes if available.

4. Strategic framework

Does your ICB have a strategy for supporting people with multiple long-term conditions?
Please provide a copy and any supporting strategic documents

Please provide the information in an email, Excel, or Word document, whichever is most convenient. If it is not possible to provide the requested information due to cost compliance limits under Section 12 of the Act, please advise on how I might refine this request under Section 16.

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. We can confirm, as per Section 1(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, the ICB holds some of the information you have requested. However, this is available using the links below:

<https://fingertips.phe.org.uk/>
<https://digital.nhs.uk/data-and-information/publications/statistical/quality-and-outcomes-framework-achievement-prevalence-and-exceptions-data/2023-24>

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.

2. 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. However, we have determined that the information is held by the acute hospital NHS foundation trusts (FTs) within the NENC region.

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 acute hospitals to make your request.

NENC Acute Hospital FTs	Email
County Durham and Darlington NHS FT	cdda-tr.cddftfoi@nhs.net
Gateshead Health NHS FT	ghnt.foi.enquiries@nhs.net
North Cumbria Integrated Care NHS FT	foirequest@cumbria.nhs.uk
North Tees and Hartlepool NHS FT	foi@nth.nhs.uk
Northumbria Healthcare NHS FT	foi@northumbria.nhs.uk
South Tees Hospitals NHS FT	foi@stees.nhs.uk
South Tyneside and Sunderland NHS FT	stsft.freedomofinformation@nhs.net
The Newcastle upon Tyne Hospitals NHS FT	nuth.freedom.information@nhs.net

3. Leads are noted in the table below:

Alexandra Kent	Medical Director – Long Term Conditions
Gillian Johnson	Head of Programmes – Long Term Conditions
Claire Adams	Respiratory Clinical Lead
Naveed Azam	Diabetes Clinical Lead
Georgina Butler	Stroke Clinical Lead
Chris Jewitt	Prescribing Clinical Lead
Saira Malik	CVD Clinical Lead

Pharmaceutical Partnerships may be at GP practice, PCN or trust level rather than ICB. In terms of ICB partnerships since 2020, please see related partnerships below:

- AF project – BMS Pfizer & AHSN (2021) – attached.
- Lipid Optimisation – Novartis (2023) – the outcomes for this have not yet been published but will be available on the following link when finalised: [Collaborative working | Novartis United Kingdom](#)

4. We can confirm, as per Section 1(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, the ICB holds some of the information you have requested. However, the ICB Clinical Conditions Strategy is available on the ICB's website <https://northeastnorthcumbria.nhs.uk/media/jrjexxwi/clinical-conditions-strategic-plan-north-east-and-north-cumbria-icb-september-2024.pdf>

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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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