

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 18 December 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

1. Commissioned Services

Which NHS Trust(s) are commissioned to provide these services, and is there a limitation to the number of procedures they are allowed to perform? By way of services, I mean:

- Transcatheter Aortic Valve Implantation (TAVI)
- Transcatheter Edge-to-Edge Repair for Mitral Valves (TEER)

2. Reimbursement and Activity

- How are non-elective structural heart procedures (such as TAVI or TEER) reimbursed within your commissioning framework?
- Do you hold or collect any data on utilisation of these services (e.g. capacity, activity, waiting times, or referrals)?

3. Future Planning

What are your current plans or priorities for future investment in structural heart services over the next three years? By way of “plans” I mean those covering areas such as expansion of cath lab capacity, new commissioning arrangements, workforce planning, or service reconfiguration.

To clarify, I am interested in the following procedure codes.

Transcatheter, Cath Lab procedures:

- TAVI (Transcatheter Aortic Valve Implantation) should be coded as follows: K26.2 AND Y79
- M-TEER (Mitral Valve Transcatheter Edge to Edge Repair) should be coded as follows: K25.5 AND Y76.8
- T-TEER (Tricuspid Valve Transcatheter Edge to Edge Repair) should be coded as follows: K27.6 AND Y76.8
- TTVR (Transcatheter Tricuspid Valve replacement) has no official code allocated yet, but is probably irrelevant in this analysis

Surgical, Cardiac Theatre procedures:

- Surgical Aortic Valve Replacement (sAVR): all K26 codes NOT Y79
- Mitral Valve Repair and Replacement: All K25 codes NOT Y76.8
- Tricuspid Repair and Replacement: All K27 codes NOT Y76.8

Our Response

1. 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 North East and North Cumbria 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 contacts for those foundation trusts to make your request.

| NENC Acute Hospital FTs | Email/Online portal |
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| 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 | nth-tr.foi@nhs.net |
| Northumbria Healthcare NHS FT | foi@northumbria.nhs.uk |
| South Tees Hospitals NHS FT | stees.foi.admin@nhs.net |
| South Tyneside and Sunderland NHS FT | stsft@infreemation.co.uk |
| The Newcastle upon Tyne Hospitals NHS FT | https://www.newcastle-hospitals.nhs.uk/help/foi/ |

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 NHS England Specialist Commissioning Team.

In accordance with our duty under s.16 of the FOIA to provide reasonable advice and assistance to an individual requesting information, the NHS England FOI email is england.contactus@nhs.net Please write "Freedom of Information" in the subject line.

3. Please refer to the response to question 2.

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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