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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 5 February 2026 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**

Under the Freedom of Information Act, I would like to request the following information regarding placements and spending for older person's care home services. Please provide answers on the attached accompanying Excel spreadsheet.

1. Who within the ICB, has the commissioning responsibility for care home placements for older people (aged 65+) under a Continuing Healthcare package (CHC)? Please provide their:
  - a. Name
  - b. Job title
  - c. Telephone number
  - d. Email address
  
2. Please provide the gross total expenditure on older person's (age 65+) services under a CHC package for financial year 2023/24, 2024/25 (actual) and financial year 2025/26 (projected):

*For question 2a, please provide total spend on personal social services for people aged 65+. This will include spend on residential, nursing, and domiciliary care (2b, 2c, and 2d) as well as other social care for older people such as day services, etc.*

- a. Gross total expenditure on older person's (65+) services
  - b. Gross total expenditure on residential home placements (65+)
  - c. Gross total expenditure on nursing home placements (65+)
  - d. Gross total expenditure on domiciliary care/home care (65+)
3. Please provide figures for the total number of older people (age 65+) that the ICB has placed under a CHC package in the financial year 2023/24, 2024/25 and 2025/26 (projected) and funded in, including both new placements made during the year and existing placements
    - a. Residential care
    - b. Residential dementia care
    - c. Nursing care
    - d. Nursing dementia care
    - e. Domiciliary care/home care
  4. Please provide the total number of adults (aged 18-64) with a primary need of dementia (including early-onset dementia), funded by the ICB, receiving long-term nursing care in a care home, for the financial year 2023/24, 2024/25 and 2025/26 (projected), broken down by the following weekly fee bands:
    - a. Under £2,000 per week
    - b. Over £2,000 per week
  5. Please provide a list of all providers with which the ICB is funding older people (aged 65+) with dementia receiving nursing care in care homes, where the cost of care exceeds £2,000 per week.
  6. Please provide the highest, average (mean) and lowest weekly fees paid for care home placements for older people (aged 65+) under a CHC package in financial year 2023/24, 2024/25 and 2025/26:
    - a. Older person's residential
    - b. Older person's residential dementia
    - c. Older person's nursing
    - d. Older person's nursing dementia
  7. Please provide the proposed average percentage uplift to the weekly rate paid by the ICB between 2024/25 and 2025/26:
    - a. Older person's residential
    - b. Older person's residential dementia
    - c. Older person's nursing
    - d. Older person's nursing dementia

## Our Response

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.

1. Commissioning responsibility currently lies with Kate OBrien, Director of Nursing, Mental Health, Learning Disabilities, Autism and Complex Care and Richard Scott, Director of Nursing. Please contact these colleagues

Please direct all queries to Kate OBrien and Richard Scott using the ICB's generic mailbox [nencicb-sun.reception@nhs.net](mailto:nencicb-sun.reception@nhs.net) marking the email for their attention. Alternatively, please telephone the ICB's Switchboard on 0191-512-8484.

2. Gross total expenditure on older person's (age 65+) services under a CHC package.

Question	2023/24 (£)	2024/25 (£)	2025/26 (£)
2a	70,835,856.00	72,456,777.00	67,051,470.00
2b	4,565,865.00	4,468,196.00	4,037,744.00
2c	34,229,553.00	34,902,641.00	30,908,141.00
2d	12,214,972.00	11,996,190.00	12,418,896.00

3. Number of older people (age 65+) that the ICB has placed under a CHC package.

On this occasion it is not possible to provide the requested information for questions 3b and 3d. 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.

Question	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26
3a	178	161	120
3b	Information not held	Information not held	Information not held
3c	1099	937	762
3d	Information not held	Information not held	Information not held
3e	467	360	304

4. 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.

5. Please refer to the response to question 4.

6. Highest, average (mean) and lowest weekly fees paid for care home placements.

On this occasion it is not possible to provide the requested information for questions 6b and 6d. 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.

Question		2023/24 (£)	2024/25 (£)	2025/26 (£)
6a	Highest	4,798.71	3,830.09	4804.78
	Mean	991.72	1,110.96	1340.16
	Lowest	476.89	403.89	530.1
6b		Information not held separately, costs are included as part of the response to question 6a.		
6c	Highest	2675.29	4622.95	4,622.95
	Mean	1287.62	1411.22	1,266.27
	Lowest	685.15	685.15	685.15
6d		Information not held separately, costs are included as part of the response to question 6c.		

7. Average percentage uplift to the weekly rate paid by the ICB between 2024/25 and 2025/26:

- a. Older person's residential: 6.11%

- b. Older person's residential dementia: 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. This figure is included in the response to question 7a.
- c. Older person's nursing: 6.4%
- d. Older person's nursing dementia: 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. This figure is included in the response to question 7c.

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](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 faithfully

*Information Governance Support Officer*

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