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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 15 June 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 2000, I would like to request the following information for all Primary Care Networks (PCNs) within your Integrated Care Board area. For each PCN, please provide:

1. The name of the Lead Clinical Pharmacist (or equivalent senior PCN Clinical Pharmacist).
2. The job title of the individual.
3. The professional or work contact email address used for NHS business purposes.
4. If a direct email address cannot be disclosed, please provide the generic PCN, pharmacy team, or organisational contact email address through which the individual can be contacted.

If any part of this request is considered exempt from disclosure, please provide the remaining information and specify the exemption(s) being relied upon. I look forward to your response within the statutory 20 working day period.

Our Response

We can confirm, therefore 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.

PCNs do not sit within the ICB and the ICB does not hold the agreements requested. PCNs are not legal entities; a PCN is not a public authority under Schedule 1 of Freedom of Information Act and therefore outside of the scope of the Act. A PCN is just a network of individual GP practices. The GP practices are the legal entities and are subject to the Freedom of Information Act

In accordance with our duty under s.16 of the FOIA to provide reasonable advice and assistance to an individual requesting information, a list of practices is available on the NHS Digital website: [GP and GP practice related data – NHS England Digital](#) The GP Practices full file name is **epraccur** and for your reference, NENC ICB's Organisation Data Service (ODS) code is **QMH**.

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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