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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 10 November 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

I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information:

1. The total amount spent by your Integrated Care Board (ICB) on medical treatment or corrective surgery for patients who experienced complications following cosmetic procedures undertaken abroad. Please provide this information for the most recent five financial years.
2. The data to be broken down by type of procedure, for example:
 - Cosmetic dental surgery
 - Hair transplants
 - Liposuction
 - Injectable cosmetic treatments
 - Other cosmetic procedures (please specify if)
3. If a breakdown by procedure is not available, please provide the total annual expenditure on corrective treatment for complications arising from cosmetic surgery performed abroad.
4. Copies of any internal reports, briefing papers, or formal meeting minutes produced or received by the ICB in the past two years that discuss the impact on NHS services of patients requiring corrective treatment following complications from cosmetic procedures undertaken abroad.

If any part of this request is unclear or likely to exceed the cost limit, please advise me as required under Section 16 of the Act so that I may refine my request. If the ICB does not hold some or all of the information requested, I would be grateful if you could confirm this and, where possible, indicate which other public authority or organisation may hold the relevant information.

Our Response

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.

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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