

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 by North of England Commissioning Support (NECS) on 9 July 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 would like to request the following information:

- In your ICB, what departments have access to the health care budget to supports individuals?
- What services fall under that Health care budget?
- How many times does your Panel meet to determine budget in a month?
- Who is the main contact for those services and what is their contact email address / telephone number?
- How much funding is available through your health care budget?
- What is the allocation of the health care budget to different services?
- Do you have a separate commissioning Team for Private Healthcare Budgets
- What are the teams contact details?
- Have you got a list of providers you share with families looking for support through their Private Healthcare Budgets?
- How would an organisation get added to the Private Healthcare budgets provider list?
- How much funding is currently available through PHB's?

Please do not hesitate to contact me by email should any aspect of my request require clarification.

Our Response

We can confirm, as per Section 1(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, the ICB does hold the information requested.

- In NENC ICB, these departments have access to the health care budget to supports individuals: CHC, Childrens Continuing Care. S.117, Wheelchair.
- The services that fall under the Health Care budget are residential care, home care, supported living, day care, respite care.
- The panel meets weekly to discuss high-cost cases. Those that do not require high-cost approval (over £75K) are approved on an as and when required basis by case workers.
- The Private Healthcare Budgets Teams main contacts are:

ICB Place	Email	Telephone
North Tyneside	nencicb-nt.chc@nhs.net	0191 223 6513
Northumberland	onecall@northumberland.co.uk	01670 536 400
Newcastle Gateshead	nencicb-ng.continuinghealthcare@nhs.net	0191 223 6503
North Cumbria	NECSU.NECSNorthCHC@nhs.net	01228 472 505
Sunderland	Julie.Lynn@sunderland.gov.uk	0191 283 1296
South Tyneside	chc.commissioning@southtyneside.gov.uk	0191 402 8184
Durham	mary.nixon@nhs.net	01642 745 000
Tees Valley *	necsu.phbtees@nhs.net	01642 745 000
Childrens Continuing Care	necsu.childrenscontinuingcare@nhs.net	01642 746 848 option 5

* Only Middlesbrough and Redcar and Cleveland areas have a dedicated PHB service. Other Tees Valley places (Darlington, Hartlepool and Stockton-on-Tees contact the main team.

- The 2024/25 budget for Continuing Healthcare is £514m, S117 is £140m.
- The budget is not split by individual services, so NENC ICB is unable to provide the allocation of the health care budget to different services.
- There is not a separate commissioning team for Private Healthcare Budgets.
- Please refer to the response to the previous question.
- There is a list of providers that can be shared with families looking for support through their Private Healthcare Budgets.
- To be added to the Private Healthcare budgets provider list, an applicant would email in to each place office. The quality team will then run a series of compliance checks.
- The CHC PHB budget is £109.4m.

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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