

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 14 May 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 am requesting the following information. Please provide information relating to Level 2 female inpatient rehabilitation beds commissioned or funded by your ICB.

For the most recent complete financial year (2024/25, or the latest year for which data is held), please provide:

Costs

1. The lowest daily cost (£ per bed day) paid by the ICB for a Level 2 female rehabilitation bed.
2. The highest daily cost (£ per bed day) paid by the ICB for a Level 2 female rehabilitation bed.
3. Where applicable, whether any of the costs above include a stepped or enhanced rate, for example a higher daily rate for an initial admission period. If so, please indicate:
 - The daily rate(s).
 - The duration for which the enhanced rate applies.
4. If held, the average daily cost (£ per bed day) paid by the ICB for Level 2 female rehabilitation placements over the same period.

Observations

1. Please confirm whether enhanced observations (e.g. 1:1, 2:1) are:

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- Included within the standard bed day rate, or
 - Charged in addition to the bed day rate.
2. Where enhanced observations are charged additionally, please provide:
- The range of hourly or daily costs charged.
 - Whether these costs are paid directly by the ICB or pass-through from provider invoices.

Commissioning model

1. Please indicate how Level 2 female rehabilitation beds are primarily commissioned by the ICB:
- Block contract (fixed number of beds).
 - Spot purchase / case-by-case placement.
 - A mix of block and spot purchasing.
2. If a block arrangement is in place:
- The number of beds included in the block (if held).
 - Whether the block rate differs from spot-purchased rates.

Activity

1. The number of Level 2 female rehabilitation placements funded by the ICB during that period (headcount rather than bed days).

If information is held across multiple providers or contracts, please provide a summary response rather than provider-level detail. If any part of this request is not held, please confirm this.

Our Response

Costs

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.

Individual costs sit within the ICB's block contracts with hospital foundation trusts and the ICB is unable to disaggregate this information from the overall contracted cost. However, we have determined that the information is held by the mental health 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 Mental Health Hospital FTs	Email
Cumbria, Northumberland, Tyne and Wear NHS FT	foi@cntw.nhs.uk
Tees, Esk and Wear Valleys NHS FT	tewv.foi@nhs.net

2. Please refer to the response to question 1.
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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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