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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 9 September 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

This is a Freedom of Information request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Please provide the information you hold relating to NHS Continuing Healthcare (CHC) for adults, Children and Young People's Continuing Care (CYPCC) for children, and hospital discharges under Pathway 1 (commonly referred to as Discharge to Assess or Home First).

Definitions (for this request):

- CHC-funded care refers to the NHS Continuing Healthcare (CHC) pathway for adults aged 18+.
- Children and Young People's Continuing Care (CYPCC) refers to the NHS framework for funding and delivering care for children and young people aged 0–17 with complex or long-term health needs.
- Homecare refers to packages of care delivered in the individuals' own homes (not in care homes or residential facilities).
- Discharge to Assess (D2A) refers to hospital discharge pathway 1 ('Home First'), where patients are discharged home (or to a usual place of residence) with new or additional health and/or social care needs. This is explained further in the [following NHS guidance](#).

Please provide data for the following financial years (Year ending March): 2021/22, 2022/23, 2023/24, 2024/25 and 2025/26 (forecast, if available). For any years that predate the existence of the ICB, please provide the data for the former CCG(s) that now make up the ICB.

Section 1: CHC-funded care (adults) and CYPCC (children)

1. Please provide the ICB's total gross expenditure on CHC-funded packages for adults aged 18+, split by care setting.

Financial year	Homecare	Care / nursing home	Other	Total
2021/22				
2022/23				
2023/24				
2024/25				
2025/26 (forecast)				

2. Please provide the ICB's total gross expenditure on CYPCC-funded packages for children aged 0-17, split by care setting.

Financial year	Homecare	Care / nursing home	Other	Total
2021/22				
2022/23				
2023/24				
2024/25				
2025/26 (forecast)				

3. Please provide the cumulative number of adults aged 18+ in receipt of CHC-funded care packages (all active packages during the year, including those which started prior).

Financial year	Homecare	Care / nursing home	Other	Total
2021/22				
2022/23				
2023/24				
2024/25				
2025/26 (forecast)				

4. Please provide the cumulative number of children aged 0-17 in receipt of CYPCC-funded care packages (all active packages during the year, including those which started prior).

Financial year	Homecare	Care home	Other	Total
2021/22				
2022/23				
2023/24				
2024/25				
2025/26 (forecast)				

5. Please provide a list of the top 10 providers who received the greatest amount of funding from CHC/CYPCC-funded homecare packages (adults and children) for the last financial year 2024/25. For each provider provide the total expenditure and number of packages in the year (all active packages during the year, including those which started prior).

Provider	Provider name	Total expenditure	Number of packages
Provider 1			
Provider 2			
Provider 3			
Provider 4			
Provider 5			
Provider 6			
Provider 7			
Provider 8			
Provider 9			
Provider 10			

Section 2: Discharge to Assess (Pathway 1 – Home First)

6. Please provide the ICB's total gross expenditure on Discharge to Assess services delivered under Pathway 1 ('Home First').

Financial year	Pathway 1 expenditure
2021/22	
2022/23	
2023/24	
2024/25	
2025/26 (forecast)	

7. Please provide the total number of patients discharged from hospital via Pathway 1 in each year:

Financial year	Pathway 1 patient discharges
2021/22	
2022/23	
2023/24	
2024/25	
2025/26 (forecast)	

8. Please provide a list of the top 10 providers who received the greatest amount of funding for Pathway 1 ('Home First') Discharge to Assess care packages for the last financial year 2024/25. For each provider, please provide the gross expenditure and number of packages (all active packages during the year, including those which started prior).

Provider	Provider name	Total expenditure (Pathway 1)	Number of packages (Pathway 1)
Provider 1			
Provider 2			
Provider 3			

Provider 4			
Provider 5			
Provider 6			
Provider 7			
Provider 8			
Provider 9			
Provider 10			

Note: If exact figures are not available for all years, please provide the nearest equivalent data held (e.g. partial years, estimates, or combined categories) and note any limitations.

If this request is likely to exceed the cost limit, I would be grateful if you could provide advice and assistance under Section 16 of the Act to help me refine or narrow the request.

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. The ICB did not come into being until July 2022, therefore the ICB does not hold data for the financial year 2021/22 and can provided partial information for 2022/23.

1. Please refer to the spreadsheet attached.

NENC ICB does not hold information for all ICB places; those included are noted on the spreadsheet. 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 email addresses for all NENC region local authorities, should you wish to follow up the request.

NENC Local Authorities	Email
Cumbria County Council	information.governance@cumbria.gov.uk
Darlington Borough Council	freedomofinformation@darlington.gov.uk
Durham County Council	foi@durham.gov.uk
Gateshead Council	informationrights@gateshead.gov.uk
Hartlepool Borough Council	freedomofinformation@hartlepool.gov.uk
Middlesbrough Borough Council	foi@middlesbrough.gov.uk
Newcastle City Council	freedomofinformation@newcastle.gov.uk
North Tyneside Council	foiofficer@northtyneside.gov.uk
Northumberland County Council	foi@northumberland.gov.uk
Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council	informationgovernance@redcar-cleveland.gov.uk
South Tyneside Council	foi@southtyneside.gov.uk
Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council	foiandcomplaints@stockton.gov.uk
Sunderland City Council	freedom.information@sunderland.gov.uk

2. Please refer to the spreadsheet attached.
3. Please refer to the response to question 1.
4. Please refer to the spreadsheet attached.
5. Please refer to the response to question 1.

6. 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.
7. Please refer to the response to question 6.
8. Please refer to the response to question 6.

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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