

Our Reference North East and North Cumbria ICB\
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By Email

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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 26 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

I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act regarding the commissioning of specialist midwifery roles within maternity services across your Integrated Care Board (ICB).

1. How many maternity services does your ICB cover?
2. Has your ICB commissioned any of the following specialist midwifery roles/posts? For each role, please indicate:
 - a. Whether it has been commissioned (Yes/No)
 - b. If yes, the number of Full Time Equivalent (FTE) posts in each service
 - c. If yes, the number of FTE vacancies for each specialism listed below
 - d. Whether administrative support has been commissioned alongside (Yes/No)
 - e. If yes, the number of FTE administrative posts

Please complete for each of the following specialisms:

- Perinatal Mental Health
- Infant Feeding
- Safeguarding
- Digital Midwifery

- Diabetes
- Bereavement
- Alcohol/Substance Misuse
- Public Health
- Screening
- Sonography
- Maternal Health/Foetal Medicine

Please provide this information in an Excel document.

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.

1. Maternity services covered by NENC ICB are detailed on the NENC Local Maternity and Neonatal System website: [What We Do – Local Maternity Systems Northern England Local Maternity Systems Northern England](#). Please note that this also covers neonatal provision.
2. In response to question 2:
 - a. The ICB does not directly commission / stipulate provider trusts specialist midwifery clinical roles. There is variation across NENC in respect of specialist midwifery roles; this information would need to be requested from the individual provider trusts who deliver maternity services.

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 those foundation trusts to make your request.

NENC Acute Hospital FTs	Email
County Durham and Darlington NHS FT	cdda-tr.cddftfoi@nhs.net
Gateshead Health NHS FT	ghnt.foi.enquiries@nhs.net
North Cumbria Integrated Care NHS FT	foirequest@cumbria.nhs.uk
North Tees and Hartlepool NHS FT	foi@nth.nhs.uk
Northumbria Healthcare NHS FT	foi@northumbria.nhs.uk
South Tees Hospitals NHS FT	foi@stees.nhs.uk
South Tyneside and Sunderland NHS FT	stsft.freedomofinformation@nhs.net
The Newcastle upon Tyne Hospitals NHS FT	nuth.freedom.information@nhs.net

- b. Please refer to the response to question 2a.
- c. Please refer to the response to question 2a.
- d. Please refer to the response to question 2a.
- e. Please refer to the response to question 2a.

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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