

Our Reference North East and North Cumbria ICB\
FOI ICB 24–141

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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 by North of England Commissioning Support (NECS) on 2 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

Please can you provide me with the following information about your NHS Continuing Healthcare (NHS CHC) services, which I am requesting under the Freedom of Information Act.

1. Who is responsible for managing CHC services within your ICB? Please provide the job title/role of the officer(s) responsible, their name, and appropriate contact details.
2. Who is responsible for undertaking CHC assessments for your ICB? Please provide the job title/role of the officer(s) responsible, their name, and appropriate contact details. If this function is outsourced, please confirm the name of the subcontractor(s).
3. Who is responsible for determining the eligibility for CHC services for your ICB? Please provide the job title/role of the officer(s) responsible, their name, and appropriate contact details. If this function is outsourced, please confirm the name of the subcontractor(s).
4. How many people does the ICB currently fund CHC for?
 - a. For the above, please provide a breakdown by age category, i.e. adult or child.
5. In the past 12 months, or the closest reporting period, what was the total expenditure on CHC?
 - a. For the above, please provide a breakdown of this expenditure for each category/condition, e.g. palliative care, physical disability, learning disability.

- b. For the above, please provide a breakdown of this expenditure by age category, i.e. adult or child.

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. Responsible officers are David Purdue, Executive Chief Nurse and People Officer, Deputy CEO and Ann Fox, Deputy Chief Nurse. They can be contacted via:

Post to: NENC ICB, Pemberton House, Colima Avenue, [Sunderland Enterprise Park](#), SUNDERLAND, SR5 3XB

Email: necsu.nenc-icb.contactus@nhs.net

Telephone: 0191 512 8484

2. ICB Nurse Assessors and Foundation Trusts in each team undertake CHC assessments. Clinical and CHC leads' contacts for NENC ICB are noted below:

North Cumbria – necsu.necsnorthCHC@nhs.net

Northumberland – nhc-tr.chcnorthumberland@nhs.net

Newcastle/Gateshead – nencicb-ng.continuinghealthcare@nhs.net

North Tyneside – nencicb-nt.chc@nhs.net

South Tyneside – chc.commissioning@southtyneside.gov.uk

Sunderland – nencicb-sun.chc@nhs.net

Durham/Darlington – necsu.chc-referrals@nhs.net

Tees – necsu.teeschcadmin@nhs.net

3. Please see our response to question 2.
4. 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. However, this is available as part of NHS England's published statistics: <https://www.england.nhs.uk/statistics/statistical-work-areas/nhs-chc-fnc/>

In accordance with s.21 of the FOIA, we are not required to provide information in response to a request if it is reasonably accessible to you by other means.

5. Please see responses below for each ICB place:

North Cumbria

5	Total expenditure	
5a	Palliative i.e Fast Track	4,753,957.37
	Physical Disabilities	15,937,547.21
	Learning Disabilities	19,848,805.67
	Total	40,540,310.25
5b	Adult	40,540,310.25
	Children	Nil
	Total	40,540,310.25

Nil		
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Newcastle Gateshead

5	Total expenditure	
5a	Palliative i.e Fast Track	7,429,144.15
	Physical Disabilities	37,863,964.42
	Learning Disabilities	30,173,445.97
	Total	75,466,544.54
5b	Adult	71,084,009.55
	Children	4,382,544.99
	Total	75,466,544.54

Tees Valley

5	Total expenditure	
5a	Palliative i.e Fast Track	10,912,436.64
	Physical Disabilities	25,326,521.53
	Learning Disabilities	45,596,765.50
	Total	81,835,723.67
5b	Adult	77,030,580.41
	Children	4,805,143.26
	Total	81,835,723.67

County Durham

5	Total expenditure	
5a	Palliative i.e Fast Track	9,407,797.47
	Physical Disabilities	16,750,967.47
	Learning Disabilities	6,480,201.91
	Total	32,638,966.85
5b	Adult	30,259,848.43
	Children	2,379,118.42
	Total	32,638,966.85

North Tyneside

5	Total expenditure	14,952,836

5a	Palliative i.e Fast Track	1,072,000
	Brain Injury	425,620
	Dementia	29,189
	Autism	775,993
	Learning Difficulties & Autism	347,286
	Learning Disability	5,275,545
	Mental Health	709,304
	Physical Disability	5,767,892
	Not Recorded	550,007
	Total	14,952,836
5b	Adult	13,016,987
	Children	1,935,849
	Total	14,952,836

Northumberland

Fast Track	FastTrack – Yes Sum of Annual Cost	FastTrack – No Sum of Annual Cost
Learning disability client	£19,042.02	£24,216,497.71
MH client	£147,615.02	£6,373,748.61
Physical Disability & Illness client	£2,820,456.29	£18,554,328.93
Grand Total	£2,987,113.33	£49,144,575.25

South Tyneside

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 in South Tyneside ICB place. However, we have determined that the information is held by the local authority.

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 South Tyneside Council – foi@southtyneside.gov.uk – to make your request.

Sunderland

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 in Sunderland ICB place. However, we have determined that the information is held by the local authority.

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 Sunderland City Council – freedom.information@sunderland.gov.uk – to make your request.

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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Information Governance Officer