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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 5 August 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

I am making a Freedom of Information request for information related to the Primary Care Utilisation and Modernisation Fund (PCUMF) allocated for GP practices in 2025/26 in NENC ICB.

Please find below the information requested. I have presented it in descending_order of importance, to assist the FOI team in case the cost of responding to the entire request exceeds the appropriate limit.

1. Please specify the practices that received the PCUMF money (COLUMN C)
2. Please enter the amount of money each of these practices received (COLUMN F)
3. The amount of money initially allocated for all schemes, regardless of whether this ultimately was spent in 2025/26 (COLUMN D)
4. A brief description of the upgrades for the successful schemes (COLUMN G)
5. The status of the successful schemes: started/ongoing/finished (COLUMN I)
6. A brief description of the proposed upgrades to all initially planned schemes, including those that did not happen (COLUMN E)
7. Please estimate the potential appointments capacity created for each of the successful schemes (COLUMN H)

Please find attached an Excel spreadsheet to input this information (for the rows relevant to this ICB only).

Our Response

We can confirm, as per Section 1(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, the ICB does hold the information requested. The response covers NENC, and data has been provided in the attached document, in the format requested.

This return contains the schemes included in the original capital submission. Since that submission, a number of schemes have been withdrawn and, where appropriate, reserve schemes have been brought forward. Consequently, the total value of schemes listed within this return may differ from the overall capital allocation available.

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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