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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 28 May 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

Under the Freedom of Information Act, I would like to request the following information regarding placements and spending for high acuity dementia services.

1. Who within the ICB, has the commissioning responsibility for specialist nurse-led care home placements for older people (aged 65+)? Please provide their:
 - a. Name
 - b. Job title
 - c. Telephone number
 - d. Email address
2. Does the ICB categorise dementia care placements using the Seven-Tiered Model of Service Delivery for Behavioural and Psychological Symptoms of Dementia (BPSD), where Tier 1 indicates no dementia and Tier 7 represents very severe BPSD requiring secure specialist inpatient care?
3. If not, what framework or criteria does the ICB use to categorise differing levels of complexity in dementia care placements?

4. Please provide the total number of older people (aged over 65) with dementia, funded by the ICB, receiving nursing care in care homes, in for the financial year 2023/24, 2024/25 and 2025/26 (projected), broken down by the following weekly fee bands:
 - a. Under £2,000 per week
 - b. Over £2,000 per week
5. Please provide the total number of adults (aged 18-64) with a primary need of early-onset dementia, funded by the ICB, receiving nursing care for the financial year 2023/24, 2024/25 and 2025/26 (projected), broken down by the following weekly fee bands:
 - a. Under £2,000 per week
 - b. Over £2,000 per week
6. Please provide a list of all providers with which the ICB is funding older people (aged 65 +) with dementia, receiving nursing care in care homes or specialist nurse-led care homes, where the cost of care exceeds £2,000 per week. Please provide the full list of providers at 30th April 2025.
7. Please provide a list of the five providers with which the ICB is funding the largest number of older people (aged 65+) with dementia receiving nursing care in care homes, where the cost of care exceeds £2,000 per week.

For each of the top five providers by volume of older people, please provide the number of older people funded during April 2025 and the corresponding expenditure by the ICB during the month of April 2025.

8. Please provide a list of all providers with which the ICB is funding adults (aged 18–64) with a primary diagnosis of dementia (including early-onset dementia) receiving long-term nursing care in care homes, where the cost of care exceeds £2,000 per week. Please provide the full list of providers as of 30 April 2025.
9. Please provide a list of the five providers with which the ICB is funding the largest number of adults (aged 18–64) with a primary diagnosis of dementia (including early-onset dementia) receiving long-term nursing care in care homes, where the weekly cost of care exceeds £2,000.

For each of the top five providers by volume of services users, please provide the number of service users funded during April 2025 and the corresponding expenditure by the ICB during the month of April 2025.

10. During the financial year 2024/25, how many out-of-area placements did the ICB make for older people (aged 65+) with dementia receiving nursing care in care homes, where the cost of care exceeded £2,000 per week?

Please do let me know if there is any clarity that I can provide.

Our Response

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 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 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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