

Our Reference North East and North Cumbria ICB\
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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 23 September 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

Under the Freedom of Information Act, I would like to request the following information. Please provide:

1. The sum spent by the ICB/paid by the ICB to organisations in the voluntary, community and social enterprise sector (VCSE), including charities, a) In 2022-23 (either April 2022-March 2023; or July 2022 (when ICBs were created)-March 2023 – whichever is held by your organisation – please specify, and b) in 2023-24.
2. The sum the ICB plans to spend on organisations in the voluntary, community and social enterprise sector (VCSE), including charities, in 2024-25.
3. The sum paid in grants by the ICB/paid by the ICB to organisations in the voluntary, community and social enterprise sector (VCSE), including charities, a) in 2022-23 (either April 2022-March 2023; or July 2022 (when ICBs were created)-March 2023 – whichever is held by your organisation– please specify, and b) in 2023-24.

4. The sum the ICB plans to pay in grants to organisations in the voluntary, community and social enterprise sector (VCSE), including charities, in 2024-25.

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. In 2022/23 (9 months, July 2022 to March 2023), the sum spent by the ICB/paid by the ICB was £34.428m. In 2023/24, this sum was £46.692m.
2. The sum (opening baseline) the ICB plans to spend on organisations in the voluntary, community and social enterprise sector (VCSE), including charities, in 2024/25 is £38.864m.
3. The ICB's contract register has identified the following spend which potentially falls into the categories requested. The spend relates to the grant agreement values in the financial year, but all funding may not have been transacted in that financial year:

2022/23: £6,769,303

2023/24: £8,058,750

4. The ICB's contract register has identified the following spend which potentially falls into the categories requested. The spend relates to the grant agreement values in the financial year, but all funding may not have been transacted in that financial year.

2024/25: £4,821,567

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 faithfully

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Information Governance Officer