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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 15 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

Please find below a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act. We would be grateful if you could provide responses to the following questions in relation to children and young people aged 0-17 inclusive.

1. Please confirm the number of children and young people in receipt of children's Continuing Care funding:
 - During the financial year 2024/25.
 - As of 31st August 2025.
2. Does your ICB provide funding for packages of homecare support or residential care for children with complex health needs who do not meet the threshold for Continuing Care? If yes, please provide brief details.
3. If yes to question 2, please confirm the number of children and young people in receipt of this funding as of 31st August 2025.
4. For the children and young people identified in questions 1 and 2, please confirm how many were jointly funded with a Local Authority as of 31st August 2025.
5. In relation to jointly funded (ICB and Local Authority) packages of homecare support for individual children/young people, does the ICB contribution include overnight short breaks

outside of the family home, either in Local Authority in-house provision or via other specialist commissioned providers?

6. If yes to question 5, please confirm the number of children and young people who were in receipt of this funding as of 31st August 2025.
7. If yes to question 5, please provide the annual financial contribution:
 - During the financial year 2024/25.
 - As of 31st August 2025.
8. Does your ICB provide funding to a local authority (authorities) for any short break arrangements that are not individual child-specific packages? An example would be contribution to a local authority in-house or commissioned short-break respite home(s). Please provide the annual financial contribution and/or percentage of the total arrangement.
9. Please provide a copy of any joint funding protocols/principles your ICB has with Local Authorities in relation to children with complex health needs.

Our Response

We can confirm, as per Section 1(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, the ICB does hold the information requested.

1. Children and young people in receipt of children's Continuing Care funding:
 - During the financial year 2024/25: 258 patients
 - As of 31st August 2025: 237 patients
2. The ICB has a policy for non-children's continuing care personal health budgets which is funded outside of the national Framework for children's continuing care.
3. There were 30 children and young people in receipt of this funding as of 31 August 2025.
4. There were 143 patients jointly funded with a Local Authority as of 31 August 2025.
5. Yes, the ICB contribution includes overnight short breaks outside of the family home.
6. There were 65 children and young people in receipt of this funding as of 31 August 2025.
7. The funding contribution:
 - During the financial year 2024/25: £424,306.29.
 - As of 31st August 2025: £468,839.91
8. Funding to Local Authorities is as follows:

County Durham: £233k to Park House.

Newcastle Gateshead: no contribution for CYP short breaks.

North Cumbria: no contribution to local authorities for CYP short breaks. We do pay £90,000 to Mencap to provide daytime short breaks at weekends and school holidays. This is for children with learning disabilities and complex needs.

North Tyneside: £354,655.

Northumberland: £147,007.

South Tyneside: We provide £2.4m to South Tyneside Council for respite care. This is a part-contribution so we cannot provide the percentage of the total arrangement.

Sunderland: we provide £520k to Sunderland City Council for the Grindon Mews short-break provision. We also pay £100k to Together for Children for respite. These are part-contributions so we cannot provide the percentage of the total arrangement.

Tees Valley: no contribution for CYP short breaks.

9. The ICB follows the national framework for children and young people's continuing care (2016) where the ICB commissions packages of support to meet the unmet health needs of children and young people.

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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