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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 23 January 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

Under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I kindly request the following numerical information relating to EPRR and primary care. If you do not hold some of this information, then please confirm explicitly that you do not hold it.

1. Since 2023, how many EPRR exercises (e.g., table-top, live-play, or discussion-based) has your ICB conducted or participated in?
2. Of those exercises, in how many was primary care (e.g., general practices, Primary Care Networks, or GP representatives) actively involved?
3. In the most recent EPRR Core Standards Assurance Process, how many GP surgeries (Or PCNs) provided contributing evidence to the ICB?

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. The NHS North East and North Cumbria Integrated Care Board (NENC ICB) have participated in 63 EPRR related multi-agency exercises since 2023.

2. The NHS NENC ICB do not have a record of all players involved in the exercises as many were hosted by other multi-agency partners. Primary care were regularly represented at many of the exercises.
3. The NHS NENC ICB held responsibility for self-assessment of the ICB's performance against the most recent EPRR Core Standards Assurance Process. This did not involve or require contributing evidence from primary care partners.

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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