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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 4 June 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

1. Have you in the last 36 months contracted with an independent provider to provide diagnostics (in an acute or community setting), including mobile diagnostics solutions (CT scans/ MRI scans/ US/ X-rays, etc).
2. If so, which provider and which areas do they cover?
3. Were these through procurement or direct award?
4. Start date and duration of framework/contract award?
5. Is the contract due to expire in the next 24 months, what is the rough annual value of the contract?
6. Could you provide a copy of the specification used to acquire this service (framework or procurement)?
7. Is there an extension clause and if so, has it been utilised and extended till?
8. What is the name of the Senior Officer (outside procurement) responsible for this service?

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. Yes, NENC ICB has contracted with an independent provider to provide diagnostics in the last 36 months.
2. Tyneside Surgical Services cover Durham, Gateshead, Newcastle, North Tyneside, Northumberland, and South Tyneside.
3. These were through Direct Award.
4. Historical acute independent provider contract, current contract start date 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2027 (plus 2 years option to extend).
5. Yes, the contract is due to expire in the next 24 months. The value of the whole contract is £4,516,534; the Diagnostic element is £134,807.
6. Diagnostics do not have a separate service specification as the provider provides multiple acute services within the service specification.
7. There is the option to extend the contract by two years, however it is too early to enact this.
8. The Contract Lead is Mark Caizley, the Service Director is Paul Turner.

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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