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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 March 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 Freedom of Information Act 2000, please provide the following recorded information.

Timeframe: 1 January 2018 – present.

1. Governance or oversight documentation

Copies of any governance papers, briefing notes, or reports held by NHS North East and North Cumbria Integrated Care Board relating to the Northern Ireland neurology recall programme or patients associated with that recall who later received care within NHS services in England.

2. Cross-border coordination

Copies of any correspondence or governance documentation describing coordination between the ICB and:

- NHS England
- Department of Health Northern Ireland
- Health and Social Care organisations in Northern Ireland regarding patients linked to the neurology recall programme.

3. Data governance

Copies of any policies or operational guidance held by the ICB relating to the management of cross-jurisdiction patient records where care has been delivered in both England and Northern Ireland.

4. External consultancy involvement

Confirmation of whether the ICB has been involved in any projects relating to the reconciliation or governance of patient datasets involving external organisations such as:

- KPMG
- Kubrick Group
- NHS Business Services Authority

If any information is withheld, please specify the exemption relied upon. If the request is considered likely to exceed the cost limit under Section 12, please provide advice and assistance under Section 16 to allow the request to be refined.

Our Response

1. 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.
2. Please refer to the response to question 1.
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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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