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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 16 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

In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I would like to request the following:

NHS Standard Contract

1. Please provide the names of all independent Sector Providers (ISPs) that have a NHS Standard Contract with your ICB for the provision of any Ophthalmology Services, to include but not limited to the delivery of Cataract Surgery for
 - a. the period 1st April 2023 to 31st March 2024 and
 - b. the period 1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025.

Independent Sector Providers (ISP) include but are not limited to Anglia Community Eye Service (ACES), Community Health & Eyecare (CHEC), Newmedica, Optegra, and Spamedica.

2. Please provide the total value in GBP (£) of the Indicative Activity Plan of each ISP covered in number 1 of this request for each and all Ophthalmology related services for
 - a. the period 1st April 2023 to 31st March 2024 and
 - b. the period 1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025.

In addition to all Ophthalmology related services, please confirm the values attributable within the IAP to cataract outpatient and cataract surgical care The Indicative Activity Plan (IAP) is covered under Schedule 2 of the Standard Contract.

3. Please provide the total value in GBP (£) paid by the ICB to ISPs for Ophthalmology related activity performed under the Contract for
 - a. the period 1st April 2023 to 31st March 2024 and,
 - b. the period 1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025.

Furthermore, please specify the value attributable within this total Ophthalmology spend that related to cataract outpatient and cataract surgical care.

4. Please provide the total value in GBP (£) of the Indicative Activity Plan of each ISP covered in number 1 of this request for each and all Ophthalmology related services for the period 1st April 2025 to 31st March 2026. In addition to all Ophthalmology related services, please confirm the values attributable within the IAP to cataract outpatient and cataract surgical care The Indicative Activity Plan (IAP) is covered under Schedule 2 of the Standard Contract.

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. 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. However, this is available within the NENC ICB publication scheme which can be accessed on the ICB website: [Publications scheme](#) or please refer to our previous related request, our ref: FOI ICB 24-495 from the FOI Disclosure Log at: [foi-icb-24-495-response-letter.pdf](#)

In accordance with s.21 of the FOIA, we are not required to provide information in response to a request if it is reasonably accessible to you by other means.

2. Please refer to the response to question 1.
3. The total value in GBP (£) paid by the ICB to ISPs for Ophthalmology related activity performed under the Contract for 2023/24 was provided in the response to FOI ICB 24-495 (see link in the response to question 1). For 2024/25, the amount paid was:

Independent Sector Provider	2024/25 Actual
Anglia Community Eye Service (ACES)	£166,660
Community Health & Eyecare (CHEC)	£2,560,132
Circle Group	£1,303,236
Newmedica	£12,320,364
Nuffield	£2,219,422
Optegra	£3,010,152
Spa Medica	£16,247,242

Please note, the above totals based on M12 flex so could be subject to change based on final settlement/cash-up.

4. The ICB are still agreeing the IAPs with the ISP Providers this information is not available to be shared at this time. At the point this information was prepared, the agreement date was not known.

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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