

Our Reference North East and North Cumbria ICB\
FOI ICB 26–133

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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 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

Thank you for your response to FOI ICB 26–097 regarding GP IT systems & Tech Innovation Framework. From your response, I can see that the practice with ID “A83043” received the following funding: Pre-Deployment: £99,994.84.

I am seeking to understand the ultimate destination of the funding. Please can you confirm:

1. Whether the funding was:
 - a. paid directly to the GP practice;
 - b. paid to the relevant Primary Care Network (PCN) or another primary care organisation;
 - c. retained and spent by the ICB; or
 - d. paid to another organisation.
2. If any funding was paid to another organisation, please identify that organisation.
3. If any funding stream was split between two or more organisations, please provide the amount paid to each organisation.
4. For each payment, please provide:
 - a. the date on which the funding was paid or transferred;
 - b. the recipient organisation; and
 - c. the amount paid.

5. Please provide a description of the purpose for which each funding payment was awarded and/or used.
6. Where funding was passed to a third party, please state whether it was provided as:
 - a. a grant;
 - b. a contract or contract variation;
 - c. a reimbursement of costs; or
 - d. another mechanism (please specify).
7. Please provide any documentation held by the ICB that sets out the intended use of the Discovery, Pre-Deployment and Deployment funding for practice "A83043", including funding agreements, award letters, business cases, approval papers or similar records.
8. Please confirm whether the ICB received any assurance, reporting, evidence of expenditure or benefits-realisation information relating to the use of this funding and, if so, please provide copies of such information.
9. Please confirm if there are any additional planned payments to "A83043" – for example, as part of the "Deployment" funding stream. If there are, what are the planned values of this funding.

If any part of this request is considered exempt, please provide the remainder of the information and specify the exemption relied upon. I would request this information electronically please.

Our Response

1. The funding was paid directly to the GP practice.
2. Please refer to the response to question 1.
3. The funding was paid in full to the GP practice.
4. For the payment:
 - a. The funding was paid at the end of March 2026.
 - b. The recipient organisation was A83043.
 - c. Amount paid was £99,994.84.
5. We can confirm, as per Section 1(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, the ICB on this occasion is not able to provide the requested information. NENC ICB facilitated moving the funds; we do not hold information on the purpose for which each funding payment was awarded and/or moved.

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. However, we have determined that the information is held by NHS England.

In accordance with our duty under s.16 of the FOIA to provide reasonable advice and assistance to an individual requesting information, we have provided the FOI contact for NHS England: england.contactus@nhs.net. Please write "Freedom of Information" in the subject line.

6. Please refer to the response to question 1.
7. Please refer to the response to question 5.
8. Please refer to the response to question 5.

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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