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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 26 July 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

I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act regarding your board's clinical public health and emergency preparedness for climate-related infectious disease risks affecting vulnerable and elderly populations. Please provide data with specific reference to your Tees Valley Integrated Care Partnership hub area.

Please provide answers to the following questions:

1. Does your Integrated Care Board hold a specific clinical strategy or emergency preparedness plan for climate change health impacts updated within the last five years? (Yes/No)
2. Does your current clinical or corporate risk register explicitly mention emerging infectious disease threats linked to shifting climate patterns (such as vector-borne illnesses, waterborne pathogens, or respiratory complications)? (Yes/No)
3. In the last three financial years (2023/24, 2024/25, and 2025/26), has your board funded, commissioned, or delivered specific clinical education or guidance for district nurses or community health teams regarding climate-driven infectious diseases? (Yes/No)
4. If yes to question 3, please provide the name or a brief one-sentence description of the educational framework or training delivered.

If you require any clarification, please do not hesitate to contact me via this email address. I look forward to your response within the statutory 20 working days.

Our Response

1. No, NENC ICB does not hold a specific clinical strategy or emergency preparedness plan for climate change health impacts updated within the last five years.
2. No, risk registers do not explicitly mention emerging infectious disease threats linked to shifting climate patterns.
3. No, the board has not funded, commissioned, or delivered specific clinical education or guidance for district nurses or community health teams regarding climate-driven infectious diseases.
4. Please refer to the response to question 3.

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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