

Our Reference North East and North Cumbria ICB\
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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 by North of England Commissioning Support (NECS) on 26 February 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, Gateshead, Newcastle, North Cumbria, North Tyneside, Northumberland, South Tyneside, Sunderland, and Tees Valley (which covers the five local authorities of Darlington, Hartlepool, Middlesbrough, Redcar and Cleveland and Stockton-on-Tees).

Please find the information you requested on behalf of the ICB as follows.

Your Request

I am writing under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 having been directed to your Integrated Care Board via a recent NHS England FOI to request detailed information regarding expenditures and planning related to orthopaedic planning software licences and associated data storage within your region.

1. **Overall Budget Allocation:** The total budget allocated by your ICB for orthopaedic planning software licences for the past three financial years (2020–2023) and for the current financial year.
2. **Vendor-Specific Expenditures:** The total expenditure and/or budget allocation for each of the following companies during the same periods:
 - Medtronic
 - DePuy Synthes (J&J)
 - Stryker
 - Siemens Healthineers

- GE Healthcare
 - 3D Systems
 - Brainlab
 - Materialise
 - Carestream Health
 - KLS Martin Group
 - Axial3D
 - PeekMed
 - OsteoApp.ai
 - Planmed
 - Blue Ortho
 - Onkos Surgical
 - Zebra Medical Vision
 - EOS Imaging
 - Horos Project (if applicable)
3. **Procurement Details:** Information regarding the procurement process or framework used for acquiring these licences, including any open tenders or agreements.
 4. **Future Allocations:** Any planned budgets or anticipated expenditures for orthopaedic planning software licences for the next three financial years (2024–2027).
 5. **Usage Data:** The number of NHS Trusts or facilities within your area currently using orthopaedic planning software from the listed vendors.

If any portion of this information is not held by your organisation, please advise which aspects are unavailable and, if possible, provide guidance on where I might obtain the required details.

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. The total budget allocated by NENC ICB for orthopaedic planning software licences for the past three financial years (2020–2023) and for the current financial year was zero.
2. Please refer the response to question 1.
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5. Please refer the response to question 1.

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 complaints procedure provided by the North of England Commissioning Support Unit.

The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

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 sincerely

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