



# North East and North Cumbria

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## **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 03 October 2023 for information held by NHS North East and North Cumbria Integrated Care Board (NENC ICB) under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

NENC ICB covers the areas of County Durham, Gateshead, Newcastle, North Cumbria, North Tyneside, Northumberland, South Tyneside, Sunderland and Tees Valley (which covers the 5 councils that make it up – Darlington, Hartlepool, Middlesbrough, Redcar & Cleveland and Stockton-on-Tees).

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

### **Details of Request**

I'd like to request information on the ICS's finances for this financial year (2023/24). I'm requesting this information under the Freedom of Information Act because I couldn't find it in your published board papers - all of the data was missing for some months, and some of the data was missing for all months.

Firstly, please could you tell me the NHS agency/locum spending cap/ceiling agreed at the start of this financial year.

Secondly, please could you send me the following data from the financial plans submitted at the start of the year, giving the planned positions for each month from M1 to M12:

1. System financial position (revenue expenditure)
  - a. Planned surplus/deficit
  - a. Planned expenditure
2. Workforce expenditure

- a. Planned agency/locum spend
- a. Planned bank spend
- a. Planned total staff expenditure
- 3. Efficiency savings
  - a. Planned efficiency savings

Finally, please could you send me the following data for each month of this financial year to date:

- 1. System financial position
  - a. Actual surplus/deficit, and forecast outturn for M12
  - a. Actual expenditure, and forecast outturn for M12
- 2. Workforce expenditure
  - a. Actual agency/locum spend, and forecast outturn for M12
  - a. Actual bank spend, and forecast outturn for M12
  - a. Actual total staff expenditure, and forecast outturn for M12
- 3. Efficiency savings
  - a. Achieved efficiency savings, and forecast outturn for M12

## **Response**

*Please refer to attached spreadsheet.*



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In line 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 make a complaint or 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 complaint, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. 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:

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Yours sincerely

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