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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 23 September 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 making the following enquiry under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Please can you provide the following information for your Integrated Care Board for each of the past six financial years, or as many years as you have data for:

- Total number of Personal Health Budgets (PHBs) in place
- Total PHBs as type Direct Payments to individuals
- Total PHBs as type Third-Party managed budgets
- Total PHBs as type Notional budgets
- Total financial value of PHBs in place, for each year and type

Financial Year	Combined Total Number PHBs	Total Number Direct Payments	Total Value Direct Payments	Total Number Third-Party Managed	Total Value Third-Party Managed	Total Number Notional Budgets	Total Value Notional Budgets	Combined Total Value PHBs
2025-26								
2024-25								
2023-24								
2022-23								
2021-22								
2020-21								

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. This is detailed in the attached spreadsheet where held.

Please note that while the NENC ICB holds the breakdown of information, however, in some cases, the number of individuals is fewer than five so the figure has been suppressed. This is because disclosure of very small numbers may increase the risk of identifying individuals, particularly when combined with other information that may already be available. The information is therefore exempt from disclosure under Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, as disclosure would constitute the release of personal data and would be contrary to the principles of the UK General Data Protection Regulation (UK GDPR).

The ICB does not hold financial information for the years 2020/21 to 2022/23 and this is stated on the spreadsheet.

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, 4th Floor, No. 3 Circle Square, 5 Hawkshaw Street, Manchester, M1 7BL 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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