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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 9 September 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, 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, on behalf of the British Dental Association, under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 regarding the commissioning of Tier 2 dental services.

1. Has your ICB commissioned any Tier 2 dental services since your inception, or since you assumed responsibility for dental commissioning?
2. If yes, please provide the following for each such commissioning arrangement:
 - name of provider
 - scope of services commissioned, including the specialty commissioned
 - start and end date of the contract
 - total value of the contract
 - the procurement or selection process used (e.g. open tender, direct award, etc)
 - whether the services are delivered under a General Dental Services contract, Personal Dental Services contract, or other arrangement
3. If no Tier 2 dental commissioning has taken place, please confirm if the ICB has any plans, consultations, or discussions underway regarding future Tier 2 dental commissioning.

To clarify, we define tier two services as work beyond the scope of mandatory services as defined by NHS GDS contract and PDS agreement regulations, for example, services as defined in this [NHS England provider assurance framework](#).

Our Response

We can confirm, as per Section 1(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, the ICB does hold the information requested.

1. NENC ICB has recently re-commissioned minor oral surgery services.
2. Please refer to the table below for details of Tier 2 dental services.

Name of Provider	Contract Type	Contract Start Date	Contract End Date	Value of contract	Procurement route
Queensway Dental Clinic	PDS Agreement	01/04/2025	31/03/2026	£632,764.72	DAPC
Queensway Dental Clinic	PDS Agreement	01/04/2025	31/03/2026	£774,504.03	DAPC
Oasis Dental Care Ltd	PDS Agreement	01/04/2025	31/03/2027	£136,677.18	DAPC
Miss E Mather	PDS Agreement	01/04/2025	31/03/2027	£408,148.97	DAPC

Note: DAP C is Direct Award Process C under the New Procurement regulations.

3. Please refer to 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 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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