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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 16 April 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 you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information from your organisation related to Community Diagnostic Centres. Please may you provide me with an answer to the following:

1. Please list the CDCs that are currently operational in your area.
2. For each of these individual CDCs, please give:
 - a. The specific location
 - b. The name of the provider who operates it
 - c. The full list of diagnostic services provided
3. Are there any plans to build future CDCs in your area?
4. For each of the planned CDCs, where possible, please give:
 - a. The planned location
 - b. The name of the provider who will operate it
 - c. The full list of diagnostic services it will provide

Please provide the information in an email, Excel or Word document (whichever is most convenient).

If it is not possible to provide the information requested due to the information exceeding the cost of compliance limits identified in Section 12, please provide advice and assistance, under the Section 16 obligations of the Act, as to how I can refine my request.

If you have any queries, please don't hesitate to contact me via email or phone (07531 359 568) and I will be very happy to clarify what I am asking for and discuss the request.

Our Response

1. 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. However, a list of NHS CDCs is published on the NHS England website [NHS England — North East and Yorkshire » CDCs](#)

In accordance with s.21 of the FOIA, we are not required to provide information in response to a request if it is reasonably accessible to you by other means.

2. Please refer to the response to question 1 regarding questions 2a and 2b. In response to question 2c, CDCs must align with 1 of 3 broad design archetypes:

Standard model: Provides at least the minimum diagnostic tests (listed in Table 1) on a permanent basis and on the same site, as well as other components of the diagnostic pathway such as outpatient consultations. It may also provide other suitable diagnostic tests deemed to be a priority locally

Large model: As well as meeting all the requirements of a standard CDC, it offers endoscopy and/or any other services/tests required locally (for example, ophthalmology, audiology, health checks and screening services) at scale. Scalability is an important feature of a large CDC; for example, centres may have multiple scanners to improve efficiency/effectiveness

Hub and spoke model: The central 'hub' is a standard or large model CDC, and each spoke is an approved facility in a community healthcare setting, a commercial setting or another non-acute healthcare provider setting. A spoke must have 1 core diagnostic imaging modality (CT, MRI, X-ray or ultrasound) plus provide at least 2 other tests from the minimum CDC test list (Table 1). It must have a defined location and be able to report its activity.

Table 1: Minimum core tests for a standard CDC

Diagnostic modality	Minimum requirements
Imaging	CT MRI Ultrasound Plain X-ray
Pathology	Phlebotomy NT-proBNP Point of care testing (POCT) including for some of the following: eGFR, pro-BNP test, anticoagulation change of dose, C-reactive protein, hCG pregnancy test, urinalysis
Physiological science	12-lead electrocardiography (ECG) Ambulatory electrocardiography (for example, Holter, patch monitor) Ambulatory blood pressure monitoring Trans-thoracic echocardiogram (TTE) Spot check pulse oximetry POCT capillary blood gas assessment Fractional exhaled nitric oxide (FeNO)

Diagnostic modality	Minimum requirements
	Spirometry with bronchodilator response Full lung function tests (lung volumes, gas transfer and spirometry) Field tests – 6-minute walk test Sleep studies – multichannel home recordings CO monitoring
Endoscopy (large CDCs only)	Gastroscopy – trans-nasal endoscopy (TNE) and/or oral oesophago-gastro duodenoscopy (OGD) Colonoscopy Flexi sigmoidoscopy

Further information is available via <https://www.england.nhs.uk/long-read/community-diagnostic-centres/>

3. Please refer to the response to question 1.
4. 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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