

Our Reference North East and North Cumbria ICB\
FOI ICB 25-381

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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 15 December 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

Thank you again for the information you provided in fulfilment of FOI reference FOI ICB 25-109 supplied on 02/07/2025.

I have now received responses and data from over 600 public bodies. Many have, without prompting, included additional fields beyond those originally requested, which add helpful context to late payment data.

I'm writing to ask whether any of the following fields (or similar) are already available within your system, and if so, whether you could add them to the dataset you previously provided under FOI reference FOI ICB 25-109 supplied on 02/07/2025.

Providing the date you received the invoice would be a really useful addition as would any of the other examples below:

- Invoice due date
- Invoice approved date
- Invoice payment terms
- Invoice query/dispute flag, e.g. Y/N

- Reason for invoice query/dispute/delay

I want to emphasise that I do not wish to create any additional work. I'm only asking for this information if it already exists in your system and can be exported easily alongside the information you've already supplied. If these fields are available and can be shared, I'd be very grateful if you could provide them (even if this means treating it as a new request). If not, please just let me know and I'll make a note — there's no need to take any further action.

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.

The attached spreadsheet includes information for financial years 2022/23, 2023/24, 2024/25 and 2025/26 to date. NENC ICB cannot provide the approval date or reason for dispute or query as this detail is not included in the reports that the ICB is able to produce.

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 of 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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