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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 31 March 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

1. Does your ICB have an executive board or committee where health research strategy is set? E.g. a Research and Innovation Board or other relevant high-level board.
2. If yes, is there a PPIE (patient public involvement engagement) representative on this board with the specific remit to provide insights into research agenda setting from the perspective of a patient with lived experience of health issues or as a member of the public/community? [I am not referring to the presence of a lay chair].
3. Is there a PPIE advisory structure (e.g. board, committee, panel) which provides PPIE insights to inform the work of the executive board? (not within individual study groups- I refer to high level feedback into your research strategy meetings).
4. Is there a PPIE representative on medical specialty specific boards e.g women's health?
5. If yes to question 2, 3 or 4, please provide the most recent minutes/agenda with a list of members with designated roles/remits (not names).
6. Are PPIE representatives remunerated?
7. Do you require PPIE representatives to do any training? If yes, please specify e.g. NIHR training or in house-training.
8. I realise that some of this information may already be available. However, I was unable to locate it. So, if it is, please provide me with a link to the data.

Our Response

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

1. The ICB Board approves all strategies.
2. Yes, representation is the Chief Corporate Services Officer, Vonne representative member and the Healthwatch member.
3. Yes, there is a Patient Voice Subgroup which feeds into a Parent Committee then up to Board.
4. NENC ICB does not have medical specialty specific boards.
5. The patient voice subgroup is a group where formal minutes are not required.
6. The Chief Corporate Services Officer is an ICB employee. Vonne and Healthwatch representatives on the Board are not remunerated. Vonne is the Voluntary Organisations' Network North East. Their website is <https://www.vonne.org.uk/>.
7. There is no training except statutory mandatory training in-house.
8. NENC ICB Board meetings documents are available on the ICB's website:
<https://northeastnorthcumbria.nhs.uk/about-us/corporate-information/governance/meetings-and-agendas/integrated-care-board/>.

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 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 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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