

Our Reference North East and North Cumbria ICB\
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By Email

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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 by North of England Commissioning Support (NECS) on 8 June 2024 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, Gateshead, Newcastle, North Cumbria, North Tyneside, Northumberland, South Tyneside, Sunderland, and Tees Valley (which covers the five local authorities of Darlington, Hartlepool, Middlesbrough, Redcar and Cleveland and Stockton-on-Tees).

Please find the information you requested on behalf of the ICB as follows.

Your Request

1. Does the Integrated Care System have a data strategy in place, either as a standalone strategy or as part of a broader digital or BI strategy? If yes, please provide a copy.
2. Is the same/similar data set used for the Shared Care Record also used for any of the purposes set out in the table below? Please tick all that apply:

Purpose	Yes/No	Within Shared Record product? (Yes/No)	Via a different product or platform? (Yes/No)
Other Direct Care purposes e.g. Cohort/caseload dashboards			
Proactive targeting of services			
Population Health Management			

Planning and improvement			
Research and innovation			

3. Please provide a document illustrating the data flows for your ICS Shared Care Record. The table below illustrates the information required:

Type of data	Source	Method
Acute hospital	Provider	Data extract
Mental Health	Clinical System Supplier	Real-time API
Primary Care Data	Middleware supplier	Real-time API

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.

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. The ICB has an approved and published Digital, Data and Technology (DDaT) strategy, available on the ICB's website. This can be accessed by clicking the link: https://northeastnorthcumbria.nhs.uk/media/0t3leogc/nenc-ics_digital-data-and-technology-strategy_2023-26_final.pdf

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. On this occasion it is not possible to provide the requested information. In line with your rights under section 1(1)(a) of the Act to be informed whether information is held, we confirm the ICB does not hold any of the information requested for question 2.
3. Please refer to the response to question 2.

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 complaints procedure provided by the North of England Commissioning Support Unit.

The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office

Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

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 sincerely

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