

Our Reference North East and North Cumbria ICB\
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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 13 May 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

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I am requesting information regarding NHS North East and North Cumbria ICB's expenditure on insourcing and outsourcing of services for the financial year 2024/25 (April 1, 2024, to March 31, 2025). Specifically, please provide the following:

1. The total amount spent by NHS North East and North Cumbria ICB on insourcing services, defined as the employment of third-party providers to perform medical or clinical services on NHS premises, typically out-of-hours, using NHS equipment (e.g., to address waiting lists).
2. The total amount spent by on outsourcing services, defined as contracting services to external providers, typically off-site (e.g., private healthcare providers, IT services, or other non-NHS entities).
3. If available, a breakdown of the above spends by service type or provider (e.g., clinical services, administrative services, specific suppliers), including any contracts or framework agreements used.
4. If exact figures for the full 2024/25 financial year are not yet available, please provide the most recent data (e.g., up to the latest quarter) or provisional figures.

If NHS North East and North Cumbria ICB do not hold this information (e.g., if data is managed by NHS trusts or other entities), please confirm this and, if possible, direct me to the appropriate

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organisation(s). If any part of this request is exempt under the FOI Act, please provide the available data and explain the exemption.

Our Response

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. This is clarified in the paragraphs below.

NENC The ICB is a commissioning organisation, not a provider of services, and does not insource the provision of medical or clinical services on NHS premises. We commission a range of providers, both NHS and non-NHS organisations, to deliver healthcare services. As part of our contracts with NHS providers, they may choose to sub-contract or insource services from third-party providers, but the ICB would not hold that information.

As noted above, the ICB is a commissioning organisation, not a provider of services, and almost all of the ICB's funding allocation is used to commission healthcare services from external providers, including both NHS and non-NHS organisations. We would not consider this to represent 'outsourcing' of services as the ICB is not a provider of services. If further information is required, please provide a clear definition of what you mean by outsourcing services in the context of the ICB.

For your assistance and as per your questions, FOI contact details of acute and mental health hospital foundation trusts in the North East and North Cumbria region are noted in the table below:

NENC Acute Hospital FTs	Email
County Durham and Darlington NHS FT	cdda-tr.cddftfoi@nhs.net
Gateshead Health NHS FT	ghnt.foi.enquiries@nhs.net
North Cumbria Integrated Care NHS FT	foirequest@cumbria.nhs.uk
North Tees and Hartlepool NHS FT	foi@nth.nhs.uk
Northumbria Healthcare NHS FT	foi@northumbria.nhs.uk
South Tees Hospitals NHS FT	foi@stees.nhs.uk
South Tyneside and Sunderland NHS FT	stsft.freedomofinformation@nhs.net
The Newcastle upon Tyne Hospitals NHS FT	nuth.freedom.information@nhs.net

NENC Mental Health Hospital FTs	Email
Cumbria, Northumberland, Tyne and Wear NHS FT	foi@cntw.nhs.uk
Tees, Esk and Wear Valley NHS FT	tewv.foi@nhs.net

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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