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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 4 September 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

I am writing to request the below information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

1. Which trusts has the North East and North Cumbria Integrated Care Board commissioned to provide fracture clinics?
2. Which trusts have the North East and North Cumbria Integrated Care Board commissioned to provide fracture liaison services?
3. When did the North East and North Cumbria Integrated Care Board's fracture liaison service open (month/year)?

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. NHS Foundation Trusts (FTs) commissioned to provide fracture clinics are:
 - North Cumbria Integrated Care NHS FT
 - Northumbria Healthcare NHS FT
 - Newcastle-upon-Tyne Hospitals NHS FT

- Gateshead Health NHS FT
 - South Tyneside and Sunderland NHS FT
 - South Tees Hospital NHS Foundation FT
2. NENC ICB has commissioned the trusts listed in the response to question 1 to provide fracture liaison services.
3. The fracture liaison services opened in the following years:
- North Cumbria Integrated Care NHS FT: late 1990s
 - Northumbria Healthcare NHS FT (North Tyneside Integrated Musculoskeletal Service): 1 April 2024
 - Newcastle-upon-Tyne Hospitals NHS FT (Fracture clinic, Newcastle): 1999
 - Gateshead Health NHS Foundation Trust: February 2014
 - South Tyneside and Sunderland NHS FT: 2014
 - South Tees Hospital NHS FT: 2010

Please note, that NENC ICB did not come into being until July 2022, so we do not hold all the information you have requested for fracture liaison services opening before this date.

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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