



# North East and North Cumbria

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By Email

Dear

**Freedom of Information Act 2000 - Request for Information – NHS North East & North Cumbria Integrated Care Board.**

Thank you for your request received by North of England Commissioning Support (NECS) on 14 December 2022 for information held by NHS North East and North Cumbria Integrated Care Board (ICB) under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

For information Clinical Commissioning Groups ceased to exist on 30 June 2022. Services that were previously delivered by the CCG are now being delivered by the successor organisation NHS North East and North Cumbria (ICB). This 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 and Our Response**

I would like to submit the following FOIA questions to the board:

1. What is the ICB's budget for FY2022-23 and what proportion is allocated to Primary Care and Hospital Trusts?

*The ICB's budget for 2022/23 can be found as part of the Board papers on the ICB website at [enc-12-icb-budgets-2022-23.pdf \(northeastnorthcumbria.nhs.uk\)](#)*

*This shows the total budget for the year (£6,512m) and the amounts allocated to Primary Care (total of 19% of total funding for the year, across both primary care and delegated primary care budgets. Note this includes prescribing expenditure). Spend with NHS Foundation Trust Providers accounts for 64% of total ICB budgets.*

2. How many of the Boards staff have a qualification from the Chartered Institute of Purchasing and Supply, CIPS?
3. How many staff are currently studying for new or higher CIPS qualifications?

*With regard to questions 2 and 3 the ICB does not centrally hold this information in any of its systems. The ICB currently has 813 members of staff and we would need to contact each of these individuals in order to ascertain whether they hold or are in the process of obtaining such qualifications.*

*The ICB estimates that a manual exercise to retrieve this information would exceed the appropriate limit as set out in section 12(1) (cost limit) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Currently this is set at £450 for the ICB, which equates to 18 hours or more of an officer's time.*

*The ICB considers this information to be exempt from disclosure under Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act. Therefore, this document acts as a written refusal notice.*

*Please contact us on [necsu.icbfoi@nhs.net](mailto:necsu.icbfoi@nhs.net) if you wish to be advised on how to make your request more manageable.*

In line 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 make a complaint or 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 complaint, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. 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  
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SK9 5AF

[www.ico.gov.uk](http://www.ico.gov.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](http://www.legislation.gov.uk) . This will not affect your initial information request.

Yours sincerely

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