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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 29 December 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

This is a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 regarding the local roll out and implementation of the Federated Data Platform (FDP), provided by Palantir Technologies.

Please can you provide me with the following information:

1. Is the ICB already using the FDP?
2. If the ICB isn't already using the FDP, can you please provide me with a specific rollout date if there is one.
3. It has been widely reported that there have been hidden and unbudgeted for costs to implementing the FDP at local and national levels. What is the projected and locally budgeted for cost of the rollout and implementation of the FDP that hasn't already been provided for by NHSE national funding from the initial FDP contract? This might include, but is not limited to, extra training costs, staff costs, consultancy workers, hardware, software, licenses, or other IT related costs.
4. What FDP instances/apps/products are currently in use and what are planning to be rollout out?
5. Please can you release all documents, emails, meeting minutes, attachments and other communications relevant to the FDP rollout within the trust.
6. Has the ICB asked its legal advisor if it's legally required to take up the software?

I would like to receive the information in a PDF format. If you feel that a substantive response to this request is not possible within a reasonable time frame, or the request is too broad, I would be grateful if you could contact me by reply and provide assistance as to how I could refine the request.

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. NENC ICB is using the FDP. The ICB is an incubator site for the Strategic Commissioner Tool and part of a Pathfinder for the broader tool.
2. Please refer to the response to question 1.
3. There have been no additional costs as any contribution to the incubator or pathfinder work has been from within existing staffing budgets. There have been no software or licence costs for the ICB.
4. Currently, only the Strategic Commissioning Tool is in use.
5. We can confirm, as per Section 1(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, the ICB on this occasion is not able 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. However, we have determined that the information is held by the acute and mental health hospital NHS foundation trusts (FTs) within the North East and North Cumbria region.

In accordance with our duty under s.16 of the FOIA to provide reasonable advice and assistance to an individual requesting information, we have provided the FOI contacts for those foundation trusts to make your request.

| NENC Acute Hospital FTs | Email/Online portal |
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| 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 | nth-tr.foi@nhs.net |
| Northumbria Healthcare NHS FT | foi@northumbria.nhs.uk |
| South Tees Hospitals NHS FT | stees.foi.admin@nhs.net |
| South Tyneside and Sunderland NHS FT | stsft@infreemation.co.uk |
| The Newcastle upon Tyne Hospitals NHS FT | https://www.newcastle-hospitals.nhs.uk/help/foi/ |

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

6. No, the ICB has not sought legal advice on the need to take up the software.

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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