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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 24 April 2026 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 information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Please treat this as a formal FOI request. If any part of this request is unclear, please contact me to clarify rather than refuse the whole request. If any part falls outside the scope of the Act, please respond to the remaining parts. If complying with any question in full would exceed the appropriate cost limit under section 12 of the Act, please let me know which questions could be answered within that limit and I will prioritise accordingly. Please provide the information in electronic format where possible, and provide the underlying reports, extracts or data rather than only aggregated summaries, save where UK GDPR requires redaction. Please confirm receipt of this request.

1. Every contract, framework agreement, spot-purchase arrangement or individual placement agreement that the ICB (and its predecessor, NHS North Cumbria Clinical Commissioning Group) has held since 1 April 2020 with Grisedale Croft Care Home, Alston, or with Westmorland and Furness Council or the former Cumbria County Council for the use of Grisedale Croft beds.
2. Confirmation of whether Grisedale Croft has ever been included in the ICB's Discharge to Assess Pathway 2 bedded-setting provider list, or in any equivalent step-down commissioning arrangement.
3. For each financial year since 2020/21: the number of patients registered with Alston Medical Practice who were discharged from hospital via Pathway 2 in a bedded setting, and the care

home used (or category if individual identification would breach privacy), with the distance by road from Alston, in aggregate form.

4. Any needs assessment, options paper or joint commissioning paper the ICB has produced or received since 1 April 2020 concerning older people's residential, respite, intermediate-care or end-of-life provision on Alston Moor, including any successor to or revision of the Alston Alliance / Eden Integrated Care Community plan.
5. All documents held by the ICB (including those inherited from the former CCG and the North Cumbria Success Regime / North Cumbria Sustainability and Transformation Partnership) that record the commitments made to the Alston Moor community at the time of the closure of the Alston in-patient beds in 2017–2018, and any records of delivery or non-delivery against those commitments.
6. Copies of any correspondence between the ICB and Westmorland and Furness Council, or between the ICB and Cumberland Council, since 1 January 2025 concerning Grisedale Croft, step-down provision on Alston Moor, or the adult social care arrangements for Alston Moor residents.

Our Response

1. 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 North Cumbria Integrated Care NHS Foundation Trust.

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 contact for the foundation trust – foirequest@cumbria.nhs.uk – to make your request.

2. Please refer to the response to question 1.
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6. Please refer to the response to question 1.

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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