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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 5 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

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I would like to request the following information:

1. The total amount of money owed by your Integrated Care Board (ICB) to your council up to the end of the 2024–25 financial year.
2. A breakdown of this figure, if available, showing:
 - a. Amounts owed by service area (e.g. adult social care, public health, children's services, other)
 - b. Amounts owed by invoice type (e.g. charges for joint-funded placements, Section 75 agreements, continuing healthcare contributions, or other categories your council uses).

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. North East and North Cumbria Integrated Care Board (NENC ICB) covers 14 Local Authorities.

As at the end of the 2024/25 financial year NENC ICB had just over £21m of payables owing to 12 these local authorities (no balances with two of them). Please refer to the table below to see a breakdown by local authority of the £21m.

Local Authority	£
Middlesbrough Council	-816,830
Redcar & Cleveland Council	-335,576
Stockton-on-Tees Council	-723,929
Cumberland Council	-4,494,782
Westmorland & Furness Council	-571,664
Darlington Council	-367,751
Northumberland County Council	-2,338,579
Gateshead Council	-819,860
Newcastle City Council	-1,957,725
North Tyneside Council	-4,111,325
South Tyneside Council	-1,806,170
Sunderland City Council	-2,701,763
	<u>-21,045,953</u>

2. There is no breakdown readily available for amounts owed by service area or invoice type, however, the majority of costs relate to Packages of Care, and some costs in relation to Better Care Fund and Discharge Funding.

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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