

Our Reference North East and North Cumbria ICB\
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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 by North of England Commissioning Support (NECS) on 16 September 2024 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, Gateshead, Newcastle, North Cumbria, North Tyneside, Northumberland, South Tyneside, Sunderland, and Tees Valley (which covers the five local authorities of Darlington, Hartlepool, Middlesbrough, Redcar and Cleveland and Stockton-on-Tees).

Please find the information you requested on behalf of the ICB as follows.

Your Request

I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request a detailed breakdown of the hospital beds within your jurisdiction. Specifically, I would like the following information in an Excel format (1 row per service):

1. A list of all hospitals registered with the Care Quality Commission (CQC) within your ICB area. My preference is for this to be provided using the same "Location Name" and "Location ID" as specified by the CQC, so that I can accurately identify each hospital. I already have access to the CQC data, but I would appreciate it if you could present it in this consistent format.
2. For each hospital, please provide:
 - a. The total number of beds.
 - b. A breakdown of total number of beds by bed types, as coded by the national definitions listed by the NHS here:
<https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fdigital.nhs.uk%2Fdata-and-information%2Fdata-collections-and-data-sets%2Fdata-collections%2Fassuring-transformation%2Fhospital-bed-types&data=05%7C02%7Cnecsu.ICBfoi%40nhs.net%7C00582d6ee6f342cee4e208dcd630394e%7C37c354b285b047f5b22207b48d774ee3%7C0%7C1%7C638620749857498758%7C>

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If this request is too broad or would require extensive work, please advise me on how I could refine it. If any of the information is held in a different format or parts of it are not available, I would be grateful if you could supply what is available.

For clarity:

1. I am just referencing the CQC since this is a publicly available source for the names of hospitals in each ICB.
2. What I am asking is for you to provide is one row per hospital which includes the "Location Name" and "Location ID" (if possible, as specified by CQC – this is to simply help me match the services you provide with the services provided by the CQC. If you don't have this then just providing the service name and address as per your terminology will suffice) and the total number of beds and total beds broken down by bed type.
3. Please note, the link I sent for question 2 of the request only shows mental health services, but I also require a breakdown if held of all bed types in the hospital.

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. The table below shows a list of acute and mental health NHS hospital foundation trusts (FTs) within the North East and North Cumbria region, along with their FOI team email addresses.

NENC Acute Hospital FTs	Email
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	foi@nth.nhs.uk
Northumbria Healthcare NHS FT	foi@northumbria.nhs.uk
South Tees Hospitals NHS FT	foi@stees.nhs.uk
South Tyneside and Sunderland NHS FT	stsft.freedomofinformation@nhs.net
The Newcastle upon Tyne Hospitals NHS FT	nuth.freedom.information@nhs.net

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

2. 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. However, bed availability and occupancy is published at the following link: [Statistics » Bed Availability and Occupancy \(england.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk/statistics/bed-availability-and-occupancy-england) In accordance with s.21 of the FOIA, we are not required to provide information in response to a request if it is reasonably accessible to you by other means.

NENC ICB does not hold details relating to the codes within the link provided. Bed availability and occupancy is managed by the provider trusts, so we would advise that you redirect your queries to the FTs, using the emails above.

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 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 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 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
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

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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

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Information Governance Officer