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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 September 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

Please provide the following information relating to NHS North East and North Cumbria ICB's 2024/25 ophthalmology activity commissioned from SpaMedica.

For the period 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025, please provide SpaMedica activity and the corresponding amount paid or payable, broken down by:

1. Healthcare Resource Group (HRG) code;
2. Admission/attendance type or setting, including day case and ordinary elective where applicable;
3. Provider/site code;
4. Number of completed/chargeable activities;
5. Number of DNAs and cancellations, where these are recorded separately;
6. NHS Payment Scheme unit price or other contractual unit price applied;
7. Market Forces Factor applied;
8. Any local price modification, local variation, discount, premium or other adjustment applied;
9. Gross calculated payment before reconciliation;
10. Credits, validation adjustments, coding adjustments, accrual reversals or other reconciliation adjustments; and
11. Final amount payable after reconciliation.

In particular, for cataract surgery, please provide the activity and payment information separately for HRGs BZ34A, BZ34B and BZ34C, distinguishing ordinary elective and day-case activity. NENC ICB previously reported SpaMedica 2024/25 actual expenditure of £17,811,625.65 at M10 and subsequently reported an M12 actual of £16,247,242.

Please therefore also provide any existing reconciliation, flex, cash-up or settlement statement showing the adjustments between the M10 and M12 SpaMedica positions.

I am seeking existing recorded information and datasets rather than asking the ICB to perform a new calculation. Where the requested information is held electronically in Excel, CSV or another machine-readable format, please provide it in its existing electronic format.

No patient-identifiable information is requested.

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. This is detailed in the attached spreadsheet.

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, 4th Floor, No. 3 Circle Square, 5 Hawkshaw Street, Manchester, M1 7BL 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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