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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 August 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 would be most grateful if you would provide me, under the Freedom of Information Act, details in respect to the contract below.

NENC Termination of Pregnancy Services:

<https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.contractsfinder.service.gov.uk%2Fnotice%2Ff98edcc9-6931-4b30-84be-d6080b1ae2c7%3Forigin%3DSearchResults%26p%3D1&data=05%7C02%7Cnencicb.foi%40nhs.net%7C01b956e080e14c668d3f08df01c8c570%7C37c354b285b047f5b22207b48d774ee3%7C0%7C1%7C639231633986237386%7CUnknown%7CTWFPbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWU%3C%7C&sdata=qhlhbN%2FjAcVhy2xv91syak00sGB07I1s6tiJXFLRaUI%3D&reserved=0>

The details we require are:

1. Breakdown of activity by gestation, location of service delivered and type of treatment type between contract commencement and 30/07/2026.
2. Average wait time by gestation, broken down by provider and treatment type.
3. Actual spend on this contract broken down by provider type i.e. independent or NHS Trust.

4. Has a decision been made yet on whether the contracts are being either extended beyond the initial contracting 3-year period?
5. Who is the senior officer (outside of procurement) responsible for this contract?

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.

The contract for this work is held by British Pregnancy Advisory Service (BPAS) until 31/03/2027 with option to extend for 2 years. We have therefore determined the information is held by BPAS.

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 contact email for BPAS: info@bpas.org.

2. Please refer to the response to question 1.
3. The actual contract spend is £5.7million (over 3 years).
4. No decision been made yet on whether the contracts are being either extended beyond the initial contracting 3-year period.
5. Responsibility for this contract is under review following a recent NENC ICB restructure.

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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