

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 12 February 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, 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

The following refers to Integrated Care Boards. Please provide me with the following information under the Freedom of Information Act for the years 2014-2024:

1. The amount of funding provided by the Board (in pounds) for hospice care, in total and broken down by hospice.
2. For each hospice funded by the Board, the percentage of that hospice's total funding which is provided by the Board.

If data for the years 2014-2024 is not available, please provide whatever years are available within that period. Can I please have the data broken down per year please. I am seeking the data in electronic spreadsheet format if possible. If it is not possible to provide some of the data requested, I would be grateful if you could provide whichever elements of this FOI request are eligible for release.

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 attached spreadsheet shows the funding paid by the North East & North Cumbria ICB (the ICB) and predecessor Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) to hospices. The ICB was established on 1 July 2022, funding information prior to that date relates to the eight predecessor CCGs across the North-East and North Cumbria region.

The information is shown by financial year (of when payment was made) and covers the North-East and North Cumbria region to be in line with the ICB footprint.

It shows only direct payments made to Hospices by the ICB and doesn't include any funding paid via other contracts with Local Authorities or NHS Foundation Trusts for example. This includes all payments made to Hospices which isn't necessarily all for Hospice provision.

Figures shown for 2024/25 are as at the end of January 2025, with the financial year for the ICB ending on 31 March 2025.

2. The ICB does not hold information pertaining to the Hospice's total funding, only that as provided by the ICB itself, therefore would need to ask each Hospice individually.

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

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 sincerely

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