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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 1 October 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

Please may you provide me with the number of people who have received NHS Continuing Healthcare through the fast-track and the number of fast-track patients who subsequently had this funding withdrawn. By withdrawn, I mean the ICB withdrew funding following an assessment or review.

I would like the data to include the number of fast-track patients who had their funding withdrawn (a) within six months and (b) within a year.

I would like the data broken down for the most recent five years, with a year-end date of 5 April or whichever year-end is most convenient. If this cannot be provided, I would like the annual data for the last three years or, failing that, the most recent two years.

If you can identify any ways that my request could be refined, I would be grateful for any further advice and assistance.

Our Response

We can confirm, as per Section 1(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, the ICB does hold the information requested.

Financial Year	Fast Track	No longer eligible
2020/21	6621	9
2021/22	7123	32
2022/23	7949	46
2023/24	8348	32
2024/25	8985	40

Please note that we only review at 3 months and then at 12 months unless there has been a significant change in need. Fast track funding should only be in place for a period of 3 months. If the client still has assessed needs at 3 months, they would be transferred onto CHC 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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