

Our Reference North East and North Cumbria ICB\
FOI ICB 24–224

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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 30 August 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

This is an FOI request relating to ICB Contract Management.

1. Please provide details of who in the organisation has lead responsibility for Contract Management (person, job title, department and contact details).
2. Does your organisation use Atamis for procurement?
3. Does your organisation use Atamis for contracting?
4. Does your organisation have healthcare contracts register?
5. Are current healthcare contracts published (eg on your website)?
6. If so, please provide a link to the publication.
7. What is the current mechanism for identifying contracts currently in place (eg hard copy paper, spreadsheet, specialist contract database)
8. If you use a software system please state which system you use.
9. If this is not an in-house system, please provide the contract start and end dates and value excluding VAT.
10. What is the total number of healthcare contracts your organisation holds? (This may include but not limited to: FTs, mental health, community, primary, healthcare grants etc).
11. How many contracts do you have for each of the following?

- a. CHC
- b. FT
- c. GP
- d. GP Federation
- e. Independent Community Provider
- f. Independent Sector Hospital
- g. Local Authority
- h. Optometry
- i. Pharmacy
- j. Dental
- k. Other

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. Responsible officer is David Gallagher, Chief Contracting & Procurement Officer, Contract & Procurement Directorate, North East and North Cumbria Integrated Care Board. Contact email is dgallagher@nhs.net
2. Yes, NENC ICB uses Atamis for procurement.
3. No, NENC ICB does not use Atamis for contracting.
4. Yes, NENC ICB has a healthcare contracts register.
5. No, current healthcare contracts are not published.
6. Please refer to the response for question 5.
7. There is a specialist contract database and spreadsheets for most contracts.
8. Kontrakta is the system used.
9. On this occasion it is not possible 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. Software is provided to the ICB by a Commissioning Support Unit.
10. NENC ICB holds 2829 healthcare contracts.
11. Contracts numbers are:
 - a. CHC – 224
 - b. FT – 43
 - c. GP – 698
 - d. GP Federation – 44
 - e. Independent Community Provider – 307
 - f. Independent Sector Hospital – 15
 - g. Local Authority – 36
 - h. Optometry – 409 (includes mandatory and additional contracts)
 - i. Pharmacy – 707
 - j. Dental – 342 (includes general dental, specialist primary care and community dental services)
 - k. Other – 4

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
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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

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Information Governance Officer