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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 28 November 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

I am looking for some information to be answered under the Freedom of Information Act relating to the service development funding (SDF) for your ICB. My questions are as below:

For the 2022/23 financial year:

- How much was your SDF budget for 2022/23?
- How much of the budget was spent?
- What was it spent on?
- If there was a surplus how much was it?
- If there was a surplus, what has happened to it? What was it spent on?

For the 2023/24 financial year:

- How much was your SDF budget for 2023/24?
- How much of the budget was spent?
- What was it spent on?
- If there was a surplus how much was it?

- If there was a surplus, what has happened to it? What was it spent on?

For the 2024/25 financial year:

- How much was your SDF budget at the start of 2024/25?
- Has your ICB made cuts to your SDF budgets? If so, by how much? Please provide this as a number and a percentage of the total budget.
- And if there are cuts, please say which budgets within the SDF have been cut?
- How much has been spent from this SDF budget so far?
- And what has it been spent on?
- If there is a surplus, how much is this? And what has happened to it?

Our Response

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

2022/23 financial year:

The SDF budget for the full 2022/23 financial year was £160.071m. Table 1 below provides a breakdown of this by SDF programme. During 2022/23, eight former clinical commissioning groups (CCGs) were responsible for commissioning healthcare services and managing this funding for a 3-month period, with the ICB being established on 1 July 2022. SDF budgets were not reported against in full during 2022/23. Any surplus which may have been generated on SDF budgets would have been used to offset other pressures across the ICB.

2023/24 financial year:

The SDF budget for 2023/24 was £206.398m. Table 1 below provides a breakdown by SDF programme. Spend on SDF budgets amounted to £200.529m leaving an underspend of just under £5.9m which was used to offset other pressures across the ICB and ICS.

2024/25 financial year:

As at 30 November 2024, the SDF budget for 2024/25 is £191.645m. The ICB has not made any cuts to SDF budgets, however at 30 November 2024 forecast spend indicated a potential underspend on SDF budgets of £0.8m in total due to potential slippage on spending plans. Any slippage on SDF budgets would be used to offset other pressures across the ICB or ICS. As at 30 November 2024, year to date spend on SDF budgets amounted to £136.223m. Table 1 provides a breakdown across SDF programmes.

Table 1: Breakdown of spend across SDF programmes:

Area of SDF	2024-25 Allocations £'000s	2023-24 Allocations £'000s	2022-23 Allocations £'000s
Community Health Services	4,800	4,402	4,350
Cancer	25,583	24,706	15,112
Children and Young People Programme	1,631	1,781	487
Diabetes	0	0	2,817
Diagnostics	37,041	35,474	24,851
Emergency & Elective Care	240	1,150	5,114
Innovation	30	0	199
IT & Tech	3,303	4,345	5,974
Learning Disability & Autism	7,781	7,125	4,290
Maternity	5,572	4,179	2,248
Mental Health	63,060	49,426	41,072
Nursing	0	0	10
Other SDF	5,557	17,620	17,191
Outpatients	0	0	108
People	477	66	175
Personalised Care	0	126	1,208
Prevention & Long-Term conditions	6,356	10,419	3,861
Primary Care	30,215	45,579	23,922
SCN	0	0	6,474
Strategy	0	0	180
System Transformation	0	0	428
Grand Total	191,645	206,398	160,071

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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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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