

Our Reference North East and North Cumbria ICB\
FOI ICB 26–155

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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 29 June 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

1. Do the independent providers in the Excel sheet (provided as part of the response to FOI ICB 26-077) hold contracts with the ICB to provide Neurodiversity services? Or are they contracted via an alternative mechanism (e.g. RTC)?
2. Does this cover both Adults' and CYP services?
3. What is the spend by the ICB on Neurodiversity services delivered by in-house (NHS) providers for each of the years requested (2023/24, 2024/25 and 2025/26)?

Our Response

1. The independent providers noted in the response to FOI ICB 26-077 are contracted through Right to Choose (RTC).
2. The remit of the providers under the RTC providers is dependent on the host NHS contract. At the time highlighted on the Excel sheet (financial years 2023/24 to 2025/26), not all providers deliver both Adult and CYP services. However Right to Choose providers can deliver both Adult and Children services.
3. 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. The neurodiversity services provided by in

house NHS providers is part of a wider block funding envelope and is not specifically broken down to individual service level such as ADHD/Autism.

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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