

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 15 January 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

I am investigating call-off contracts in the public sector. I have identified a potential call-off contract awarded by NHS North East and North Cumbria Integrated Care Board, but I can't find details of the framework agreement it was awarded from.

With reference to the table below, the last two rows ("Title of framework used" and "Further framework info") is where I am missing information. Please could you provide the name of the specific framework agreement or DPS used here.

If there is any further info which you think would help me locate the framework agreement (e.g., a link to the framework's Contract Finder or FTS listing, the framework provider, or a widely used reference number such as CCS's RM codes), please use the final row for this.

reference	c7da31b2-2f68-4a99-a187-1afc9b03e6bf_award
title	CSAS Printing and Postage
description	CSAS Printing and Postage Procurement
url	https://www.contractsfinder.service.gov.uk/Notice/c7da31b2-2f68-4a99-a187-1afc9b03e6bf

published date	18//07/2024
title of framework used	
further framework info (e.g., link to framework Contract Finder award or CCS RM code)	

Please note that I have identified this contract as a possible call-off contract, so there is a chance it is not a call-off. It could be, for instance, procured directly (without being called off from a framework agreement), or could be itself a notice of the establishment of a framework agreement. Therefore, I would kindly ask you to specify in this instance what kind of procurement was used in the "Title of framework used" column.

I have provided the title, description, the publication date, and procedure type used to award the potential call-off, as well as a URL link to the call-off in question and a unique reference ID for the potential call-off. Please let me know if there is anything else you need to complete the request.

Our Response

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.

For your reference, the contact details in the advert are necsu.company-secretary@nhs.net

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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