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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 20 May 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

Under the Freedom of Information Act, I would like to request the following information: All documents relating to discussions around ICB funding of the proposed extensions to Springwell Health Centre (Springwell Road, Sunderland, SR3 4HG). This is likely to have been dealt with by the Primary Care Contracts Manager.

I would like you to provide the information in the following format: Electronic copies of documents sent via email above. To clarify, the documents I'm interested in are:

1. The Project initiation document (including any appendices) relating to the expansion at Springwell Health Centre
2. The district valuer report for Springwell Health Centre
3. Minutes of any meetings between the ICB and the owners of Springwell Health Centre or the partners with GMS contracts based at Springwell Health Centre
4. Documents that relate to agreement of the ICB to fund or contribute to funding of the extension at Springwell Health Centre
5. Documents that relate to the proposed rent reimbursement following completion of the extension at Springwell Health Centre.

Our Response

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

Please see all documents held within the Local Delivery Team (LDT) pertaining to discussions about funding the proposed extension to Springwell Health Centre (Springwell Road, Sunderland, SR3 4HG). The documents are:

1. The Project initiation document (including any appendices) relating to the expansion at Springwell Health Centre is attached. This document is marked draft and is the latest version held by NENC ICB.

Section 38 provides an exemption from disclosing information if it would endanger any individual (including the applicant, the supplier of the information or anyone else).

NENC ICB believes that disclosing the Health Centre site plan to include non-public areas and access would have an adverse effect on health and safety of staff working in the health centre. On that basis, the information has not been disclosed.

2. The district valuer report for Springwell Health Centre is attached. Names and individual contact details (emails and telephone numbers) have been redacted.
3. Extracts from minutes of meetings between the ICB and the owners of Springwell Health Centre or the partners with GMS contracts based at Springwell Health Centre are attached.
4. The ICB did not fund any of the works, this was a combination of NHSPS capital and NHSE premises improvement grant funding. The NHSE agreement is attached.
5. The rent reimbursement document is being drafted at present; the rent abatement is 100% on the extension of 15 years. Emails in respect of this proposed reimbursement are attached.

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

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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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