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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 14 August 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

I am seeking information about the Mental Health Investment Standard (MHIS) for your Integrated Care Board (ICB) for the 2026/27 financial year. Please could you provide the following information:

Information requested	£m
2026/27 NHS England MHIS requirement/target for the ICB	
2026/27 planned expenditure against the MHIS	
2026/27 total planned mental-health expenditure, if different from the MHIS measure	

Clarification of the information requested

- For the first two figures, I am specifically seeking the core-programme NHS England MHIS requirement and the ICB's planned expenditure against that requirement.
- Where the 2026/27 MHIS requirement is a figure supplied or pre-populated by NHS England in the ICB's 2026/27 planning template, please provide that figure rather than substituting a broader mental-health budget or expenditure figure.
- If the ICB uses a broader definition of mental-health expenditure in its financial plan, please identify this separately.

- Please also identify separately any delegated/specialised mental-health commissioning expenditure if this is included in the figures provided.

Additional information

- If the ICB has calculated the MHIS requirement as a percentage of its 2026/27 core allocation, please provide this percentage as well.
- I would be grateful if the response could be provided in £ millions (£m), preferably to one decimal place.
- A response in the following format would be particularly helpful:

ICB	2026/27 MHIS requirement £m	2026/27 planned MHIS expenditure £m	Total planned MH expenditure £m (if different)	MHIS as % of core allocation	Source

- This request relates solely to aggregate financial and planning information. It does not seek any personal data, patient information or information relating to individual staff members or patients.

Our Response

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

ICB	2026/27 MHIS requirement £m	2026/27 planned MHIS expenditure £m	Total planned MH expenditure £m (if different)	MHIS as % of core allocation	Source
NENC ICB	853,485.6	853,830.8	-	3.19%	ICB

Please note that delegated/specialised mental-health commissioning expenditure is excluded from figures above.

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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