

Our Reference North East and North Cumbria ICB\
FOI ICB 26–189

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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 15 July 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

Under the FOI Act, I would like a list of the services commissioned by North East and North Cumbria ICB for general practice and pharmacy outside of the GMS/PMS/APMS contract and the service specifications. This includes local enhanced services, the minor surgery DES and any other additional service open to GP practices or pharmacies.

Please provide (ideally in Excel format):

1. The name of the service.
2. The budget for the service.
3. Specify what place/location the service is for (eg, the whole ICB, County Durham only, Darlington only, Gateshead only, Hartlepool only, etc).
4. The service specification for each service – please ensure that you clarify which file name corresponds to which service.
5. Please tell me the total local enhanced service budget for the ICB for 2026/27.

If the service is a package (ie, 'single offer', 'basket of services') that incorporates a number of different services, please break this down to their component parts as much as possible.

Our Response

1. We can confirm, as per Section 1(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, the ICB holds some of the information you have requested. Details of all locally enhanced services are available within the NENC ICB publication scheme which can be accessed on the ICB website: [Publications scheme](#) or please refer to our previous related request, our ref: FOI ICB 26-026 from the NENC ICB FOI Disclosure Log at: [FOI ICB 26-026 Response Letter](#)

In accordance with s.21 of the FOIA, we are not required to provide information in response to a request if it is reasonably accessible to you by other means. However, the LES service specifications and DES service level agreements are attached for your reference. The ICB areas they refer to are stated.

Please note that for Newcastle Gateshead LES services include, where applicable,

- service requirements
- eligibility criteria/patient cohorts
- payment arrangements and calculations
- reporting requirements
- SNOMED codes or clinical coding requirement '

The response to FOI ICB 26-026 explained that Durham operates a local enhanced scheme and we attach the County Durham LIAISE basket of services specification. This documentation sets out the component services within the Durham basket of services and the associated funding arrangements.

2. Please refer to the response to question 1.
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5. Please refer to the attached spreadsheet for budget information for 2026/27.

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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