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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 24 September 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 Freedom of Information Act 2000, I am requesting information relating to adult Level 1 and Level 2 mental health inpatient rehabilitation placements commissioned or funded by your Integrated Care Board (ICB). For the purposes of this request, "spot purchased" means an individually commissioned placement purchased on a named-patient basis and funded outside of any block contract, bed retainer arrangement or other fixed-capacity agreement.

Please provide the information for:

- Financial Year 2025/26 (1 April 2025 to 31 March 2026)
- Financial Year 2026/27 year to date (1 April 2026 to the date of your response)

Please include information separately for:

- The total number of male placements into Level 1 mental health rehabilitation inpatient beds and the total number of bed days
- The total number of female placements into Level 1 mental health rehabilitation inpatient beds and the total number of bed days
- The total number of male placements into Level 2 mental health rehabilitation inpatient beds and the total number of bed days

- The total number of female placements into Level 2 mental health rehabilitation inpatient beds and the total number of bed days
- Please also indicate the split between NHS provider placements/bed days and independent sector placements/bed days

Where possible, please complete the table below.

Level 1 and Level 2 rehabilitation services should be defined in accordance with NHS England's Commissioner Guidance for Adult Mental Health Rehabilitation Inpatient Services.

Financial Year	Patient Group	Rehabilitation Level	Number of NHS Spot-Purchased Placements	Number of NHS Bed Days	Number of Independent Sector Spot-Purchased Placements	Independent Sector Bed Days
2025/26	Male	Level 1				
2025/26	Male	Level 2				
2025/26	Female	Level 1				
2025/26	Female	Level 2				
2026/27 (YTD)	Male	Level 1				
2026/27 (YTD)	Male	Level 2				
2026/27 (YTD)	Female	Level 1				
2026/27 (YTD)	Female	Level 2				

Our Response

We can confirm, as per Section 1(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, the ICB on this occasion is not able 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. However, we have determined that the information is held by the mental health hospital NHS foundation trusts (FTs) within the North East and North Cumbria region.

In accordance with our duty under s.16 of the FOIA to provide reasonable advice and assistance to an individual requesting information, we have provided the FOI contacts for those foundation trusts.

NENC Mental Health Hospital FTs	Email
Cumbria, Northumberland, Tyne and Wear NHS FT	foi@cntw.nhs.uk
Tees, Esk and Wear Valleys NHS FT	tewv.foi@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 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, 4th Floor, No. 3 Circle Square, 5 Hawkshaw Street, Manchester, M1 7BL 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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