

Our Reference North East and North Cumbria ICB\
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By Email

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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 3 November 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

I am writing to request information under the freedom of information act regarding your organisations Continuing Healthcare (CHC) and Domiciliary cases. Please can you answer the questions listed below.

1. How much did the ICB spend on Domiciliary care in the financial year 2023/24 (March 2023 – April 2024)?
2. How much did the ICB spend on CHC in the financial year 2023/24?
3. How many Domiciliary care packages did the ICB have active at the end of September 2024?
4. What was the total cost of active Domiciliary care packages at the end of September 2024?
5. How many CHC cases did the ICB have active at the end of September 2024?
6. What was the total cost of active CHC packages at the end of September 2024?

To clarify:

Question 1: The total spend on domiciliary care is in relation to fully funded CHC.

Question 2: This in relation to fully funded CHC including the domiciliary care spend in Q1.

Questions 4 and 6: Yes, this is this total annual cost of the active packages as at 30/09/2024.

Our Response

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.

County Durham, Newcastle Gateshead, North Cumbria and Tees Valley places

1. The ICB spend on domiciliary care in the financial year 2023/24 was £61.8m.
2. The ICB spend on CHC in the financial year 2023/24 was £202.5m
3. The ICB had 675 active domiciliary care packages at the end of September 2024.
4. Total cost of active domiciliary care packages at the end of September 2024 was £60.8m.
5. NENC ICB had 2490 active CHC cases at the end of September 2024.
6. Total cost of active CHC packages at the end of September 2024 was £197.6m.

North Tyneside and Northumberland and South Tyneside and Sunderland places

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 for the ICB places named above. However, we have determined that the information is held by the Local Authorities within these localities in 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 email addresses for those local authorities to make your request.

NENC Local Authorities	Email
North Tyneside Council	foiofficer@northtyneside.gov.uk
Northumberland County Council	foi@northumberland.gov.uk
South Tyneside Council	foi@southtyneside.gov.uk
Sunderland City Council	freedom.information@sunderland.gov.uk

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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