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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 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

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I would like the following information about adult mental health care in residential homes, nursing homes and supported living.

Which placements to include: Continuing Healthcare (fully funded), joint-funded, Funded Nursing Care where the ICB holds it, and Section 117 aftercare.

All questions relate to adults aged 18 to 64 funded by the ICB in long-term residential care, nursing care or supported living, including placements jointly funded with the local authority.

Information requested

1. Please supply the name, job title, telephone number and email address of the commissioner with responsibility for mental health placements for adults aged 18 to 64, covering residential, nursing and supported living.
2. Please provide the total number of adults aged 18 to 64 with a primary diagnosis of mental health funded by the ICB in long-term care – residential care, nursing care and supported living separately. Please give an end-of-year snapshot (at 31 March) for each of 2022/23, 2023/24, 2024/25 and 2025/26, and the most up-to-date figure available for 2026/27.

3. Please provide the number of new long-term placements made for adults aged 18 to 64 with a mental health need – residential care, nursing care and supported living separately. Please give the number during 2025/26 (year to 31 March 2026) and during 2026/27 to date.
4. Please provide the highest, lowest and average weekly rate paid for placements for adults aged 18 to 64 with a mental health need – residential care, nursing care and supported living separately – for 2026/27 or the latest year available, together with the average for 2025/26 for comparison. For supported living, please give the care and support fee only, excluding rent and housing costs, and please state the average hourly rate if care and support is commissioned by the hour. If you use weekly rate bands, please give these too.
5. Please provide a list of providers of residential care, nursing care and supported living used by the ICB for adults aged 18 to 64 with a mental health need. For each provider, please give the setting (residential, nursing or supported living), the number of service users, and the gross expenditure, using the latest month available (or financial year 2025/26 if not), and state the month used.

Definitions

By '*mental health*' I mean adults whose primary support reason or primary diagnosis is a mental health condition – for example schizophrenia and other psychotic disorders, bipolar affective disorder, severe depression, severe anxiety disorders, personality disorder and eating disorders. Please count each person once, on a primary basis only, and exclude adults whose primary reason for support is learning disability, autism or dementia, even where a mental health condition is also recorded. Please answer on primary diagnosis where you hold it; if you use care groups, this is 'Mental Health'.

Settings: By 'residential care' I mean a care home without nursing; by 'nursing care' I mean a care home with nursing. Supported living may also be called Supported accommodation or Supported housing and is a housing scheme where housing, support and care services are provided to help people with disabilities live as independently as possible in the community. Please include only supported living where the provider is registered with the CQC to deliver personal care.

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.

1. The person with responsibility for mental health placements is Sean Cocking, Senior Commissioning Manager Mental Health, Learning Disability, Neurodivergence and All Age Continuing Care. Their email address is sean.cocking@nhs.net and they can be contacted by telephone via the ICB's reception on 0191-535-4288.
2. In line with your rights under section 1(1)(a) of the Act to be informed whether information is held, we confirm the ICB holds the information for all areas but Northumberland. This is provided in the attached spreadsheet.

The ICB is unable to provide accurate end-of-year figures for financial year 2022/23. The statutory ICB came into being on 1 July 2022, and a complete and reliable snapshot at 31 March 2023, broken down by residential care, nursing care and supported living for adults aged 18 to 64 whose primary diagnosis was mental health, is not held in a separately reportable form. In addition, some relevant placement information is held by local authorities under local commissioning arrangements.

Northumberland ICB place information is held by Northumberland County Council. 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 contact for the council: [Information Governance – Northumberland CC](#).

3. Please refer to the response to question 2.
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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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