

Our Reference North East and North Cumbria ICB\
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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 3 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

I am looking for some information to be answered under the Freedom of Information Act relating to neighbourhood health centres (NHCs). My questions are as follows:

1. When did the ICB submit its proposals for neighbourhood health centres?
2. Where do you want your centres to be located?
3. How much funding did you request?
4. Do your proposals involve constructing a new build centre?
5. Do your proposals involve upgrades to existing estate?
6. If yes, what estate is this and what is the nature and cost of the upgrade required?
7. Do your requests involve the purchase of new land?
8. Do your requests involve leasing of a building from a private landlord?

Our Response

1. The ICB submitted proposals for NHCs on 28 May 2026.

NHS England, the Department of Health and Social Care and Integrated Care Boards (ICBs) are currently undertaking a review of NHCs. NHS England is leading on this work and will

formally announce the results of the review. NENC ICB has not been given a date for this announcement.

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. However, it is exempt from disclosure because it is intended for future publication.

It is considered that it is prudent to limit the release of information at this stage on the basis that there will be a formal announcement from NHS England around the supported schemes in due course.

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 for NHS England – england.contactus@nhs.net – to allow you to follow up this request. Please write “Freedom of Information” in the subject line.

2. Please refer to the response to question 1.
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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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