



North East and North Cumbria

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Applicant
By Email:

Dear Applicant,

Freedom of Information Act 2000 - Request for Information – NHS North East & North Cumbria Integrated Care Board.

Thank you for your request received by North of England Commissioning Support (NECS) on 30/06/2023 for information held by NHS North East and North Cumbria Integrated Care Board (ICB) under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

NENC ICB covers the areas of County Durham, Gateshead, Newcastle, North Cumbria, North Tyneside, Northumberland, South Tyneside, Sunderland and Tees Valley (which covers the 5 councils that make it up – Darlington, Hartlepool, Middlesbrough, Redcar & Cleveland and Stockton-on-Tees).

Please find the information you requested on behalf of the ICB as follows.

Request

Please could you provide a spreadsheet of all companies with contracts with the Trust/ that work for the trust/ suppliers to the trust?

I would like to see a list of company names, addresses, telephone numbers and any company registration data. Any further descriptive fields would be appreciated.

Response

Please find attached a list of providers with whom NENC ICB holds contracts. Please be aware that only names could be provided. NHS North East and North Cumbria ICB may hold the information requested in your question regarding addresses, telephone numbers

and any company registration data. However, in accordance with section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, we have estimated that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the appropriate limit.

The appropriate limit is specified in regulations and is set at £450 for NHS bodies. This represents the estimated cost of one person spending more than 18 hours in determining whether the ICB holds the information and locating, retrieving, and extracting the information.

Please see the following calculations for data collection of this request:

Estimated number of unique contracted suppliers = 376

Estimated time to extract documents = 10 minutes per contract

Total time taken = 3,760 minutes (62.67 hours)

The estimated time is based on the need to examine and extract individual records and data, to assimilate the information that is required. NENC ICB expect this this work will take approximately 104 hours. The cost per hour is £25, giving a total cost calculation of 62.67 hours x £25 = £1,566.67.

With regards to your request, the ICB can confirm that the specified information within your request falls outside of the appropriate limit and therefore, cannot be provided; however, please be advised, you also have the option to pay.

In line 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 make a complaint or 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 complaint, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. 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.gov.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

Ehren Smith

Information Governance Officer