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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 27 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

This is a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Please answer the following regarding GP practices within your ICB's footprint and their stocking of blood glucose testing equipment (meters, strips, lancets):

1. Does the ICB hold any record of having communicated, reminded, or followed up with GP practices regarding an expectation to stock these diagnostics, including any communication relating to the CQC's 2026 guidance change requiring GP practices to have blood glucose testing equipment immediately available (commonly referred to as "Lyla's Law")? If so, please provide copies and dates.
2. Has the ICB's primary care quality/assurance function conducted, or does it hold any record of, a check on which practices hold this equipment? If so, please provide details and the date of any such check.

If this request requires refinement or exceeds the statutory cost limit, please advise on how I can narrow the scope, for example, limiting to the most recent financial year only, or to written communications rather than a full record search.

Our Response

1. NENC ICB has not communicated in any way with GP practices regarding CQC guidance to stock blood glucose testing equipment.
2. On this occasion it is not possible 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.

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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