

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 19 December 2025 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

Please could you provide me with the following information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

The ICB's total spend on the following areas of care for each of the financial years 2022/23, 2023/24 and 2024/25:

- Hospice care (for both children and adults)
- Community Health services – District Nursing
- Community Health services – Children's health services
- Community Health services – Community Speech and Language Therapy
- Community Health services – Falls prevention services
- Community Health services – School health services
- Community Health services – Sexual health services

The ICB's budgeted spend on the following areas of care for the financial year 2025/26:

- Hospice care (for both children and adults)
- Community Health services – District Nursing
- Community Health services – Children's Health Services

- Community Health services – Community Speech and Language Therapy
- Community Health services – School health services
- Community Health services – Sexual health services

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.

Hospice Care

With regards to hospice care, the ICB's total spend is as follows:

2022/23	£15.545m
2023/24	£15.964m
2024/25	£18.209m

Please note the figures show actual payments made for hospice care to providers in those financial years and may not necessarily be for the financial year in question. The budgeted amount for 2025/26 for NENC ICB was £20.432m.

Community Health Services

Costs for District Nursing, Children's Health Services, Community Speech and Language Therapy and Falls Prevention are wrapped up within larger block contract arrangements with local Foundation Trusts, and as such the ICB cannot provide spend and budgets for these areas.

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 for School Health and Sexual Health Services. 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. These services are commissioned by Local Authorities and/or Public Health.

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 contacts for local authorities in the NENC region, should you wish to redirect your request.

NENC Local Authorities	Email/Online portal
Cumbria County Council	information.governance@cumbria.gov.uk
Darlington Borough Council	freedomofinformation@darlington.gov.uk
Durham County Council	Freedom of Information - Durham CC
Gateshead Council	Freedom of Information request - Gateshead Council
Hartlepool Borough Council	freedomofinformation@hartlepool.gov.uk
Middlesbrough Borough Council	Freedom of Information Request - Middlesbrough BC
Newcastle City Council	freedomofinformation@newcastle.gov.uk
North Tyneside Council	foiofficer@northtyneside.gov.uk
Northumberland County Council	Information Governance - Northumberland CC
Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council	informationgovernance@redcar-cleveland.gov.uk
South Tyneside Council	foi@southtyneside.gov.uk
Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council	foiandcomplaints@stockton.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 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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