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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 September 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

I am submitting this request under the Freedom of Information Act and the Code of Practice on Openness in the NHS. Please confirm the ICB holds the following data, and where it is held, please provide the data as requested.

Autism and/or ADHD Services – Impact of Indicative Activity Plans, Waiting Lists & Times

1. Please confirm whether the ICB is setting Indicative Activity Plans (IAP) for Autism and/or ADHD providers for 2025/26?
2. Please confirm whether the ICB has undertaken the following in relation to IAPs for Autism and/or ADHD services, and where it has, provide copies of these documents:
 - a. Quality Impact Assessment
 - b. Analysis of Demand, Capacity and Impact on Waiting Times
3. Please confirm whether the ICB has created the following for Autism and/or ADHD services, and where it has, provide a copy of these documents:
 - a. Prioritisation criteria that providers are instructed to use in relation to IAPs
 - b. Communications to GPs advising them of any impact of IAPs
 - c. Communications to patients advising them of any impact of IAPs

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4. Please confirm whether the ICB holds any data about the number of people it is responsible for that are waiting for Autism and/or Autism assessment, and where it does please provide the number of people in the following categories:
 - a. under 18 waiting for Autism Assessment
 - b. under 18 waiting for ADHD assessment
 - c. under 18 waiting for combined Autism/ADHD assessment
 - d. over 18 waiting for Autism Assessment
 - e. over 18 waiting for ADHD assessment
 - f. over 18 waiting for combined Autism/ADHD assessment
5. Please confirm whether the ICB holds data on the average waiting times for Autism and/or ADHD assessment, and where it does please provide the latest average waiting time data the ICB holds for the following categories:
 - a. under 18 waiting for Autism Assessment
 - b. under 18 waiting for ADHD assessment
 - c. under 18 waiting for combined Autism/ADHD assessment
 - d. over 18 waiting for Autism Assessment
 - e. over 18 waiting for ADHD assessment
 - f. over 18 waiting for combined Autism/ADHD assessment

For question 4 and 5, please provide data in categories where relevant. If you are aggregating categories, please state this.

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. Yes, the ICB is setting Indicative Activity Plans (IAP) for Autism and/or ADHD providers for 2025/26.
2. The ICB is currently in discussion with Autism and ADHD providers and has requested information to inform prioritisation criteria and communications to GPs and patients.
3. The ICB does not yet have agreed IAPs in place, and none of the requested information is held.
4. 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. 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.
5. Please refer to the response to question 4.

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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