

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 by North of England Commissioning Support (NECS) on 12 August 2024 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, Gateshead, Newcastle, North Cumbria, North Tyneside, Northumberland, South Tyneside, Sunderland, and Tees Valley (which covers the five local authorities of Darlington, Hartlepool, Middlesbrough, Redcar and Cleveland and Stockton-on-Tees).

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

Your Request

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

1. The amount allocated to the ICB under the Elective Recovery Fund (ERF) for each of the years 2021-22, 2022-23, 2023-24.
2. For each of the financial years 2021-22, 2022-23, 2023-24 a breakdown of expenditure and activity of the ERF according to the different categories of elective care. Please use the relevant HRG codes to set out expenditure and activity for each of the above financial years in relation to the Elective Recovery Fund allocation. For background, our intention is to understand how the elective recovery fund has been spent on different types of care within each ICB in England.
3. For each of the financial years 2021-22 2022-23 and 2023-24, a breakdown of expenditure of the ERF on each category of elective care according to the provider organisation. Please use the relevant provider organisation codes used by NHS Digital and NHS England along with the HRG codes for each category of care. For background, our intention is to understand how the elective recovery fund has been spent on different types of providers – for example, NHS Trusts and Independent Sector providers.

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. This is contained in the spreadsheet attached. The ICB did not come into being until July 2022, therefore the ICB does not hold data for 2021-22.

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 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 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 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
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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

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Information Governance Officer