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By Email

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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 9 July 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**

With regards to the recently published NHS 10 Year Plan and the creation of Neighbourhood teams to deliver prevention and care in the community, I would like to know the following information please:

1. How many Neighbourhood teams are being created within your jurisdiction/area?
2. What will each team be called?
3. Who is running the new Neighbourhood teams?
4. Which GP Network will hold the contract?
5. Who is the Chair person of the relevant network running the Neighbourhood team?

**Our Response**

We can confirm, as per Section 1(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, the ICB does hold the information requested.

1. Neighbourhood Health development is being progressed across all areas of the North East and North Cumbria Integrated Care Board, aligned to local Place footprints. The precise number of Neighbourhood teams is determined locally by each Place and may evolve as integrated neighbourhood working develops.

As set out in our public board paper (June 2025), the ICB supports a flexible approach to Neighbourhood team configuration, based on local context, community need and existing integrated working arrangements.

2. There is no single naming convention applied across the ICB. Team names are locally determined and may reflect existing terminology (e.g. Integrated Neighbourhood Teams, Community Hubs, etc.). The emphasis is on function and outcomes, not branding.
3. Neighbourhood teams are developed through partnership between local NHS providers, primary care networks, local authorities and VCSE organisations. Operational responsibility varies by Place and is subject to local agreement and provider arrangements.
4. There is no single contractual model mandated at ICB level. Where services are delivered through or alongside GP practices, they may be linked to individual PCNs, federations or neighbourhood-scale providers. Contractual arrangements are determined locally in line with national guidance.
5. Chair or clinical leadership roles for Neighbourhood teams are locally agreed and vary across the ICB's footprint. This information is not held centrally by the ICB in the format 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 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 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](http://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](http://www.legislation.gov.uk). This will not affect your initial information request.

Yours faithfully

*Information Governance Support Officer*

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