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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 21 November 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

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I am requesting information about the below:

1. Neighbourhood Health and Innovation

- a. Please indicate whether any weight management services are being delivered in, or planned for, Neighbourhood Health Centres or equivalent neighbourhood health structures.
- b. Please provide details of any partnerships with your local Health Innovation Network (HIN), or similar innovation/academic health science networks, relating to weight management services.

2. Funding flows and the Neighbourhood Health Model

- a. Please provide details of your Integrated Care Board's (ICB) current funding allocation for adult weight management services, including any local commissioning arrangements. Please specify whether any of these budgets are ring-fenced.
- b. Please indicate whether funding flows or commissioning responsibilities for weight management services are expected to change under the Neighbourhood Health Model, and if so, provide details of planned timelines or anticipated impacts.

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 and Innovation

- a. Specialist weight management services (non-surgical and surgical) are provided by trusts delivered in the community and from hospitals. NENC ICB is currently undergoing consultation to determine its structure for strategic commissioning and neighbourhood delivery models.
- b. The ICB is working with a Health Innovation North East and North Cumbria submitted bid to national 'Obesity Pathway Innovation Programme' under strand 3.

2. Funding flows and the Neighbourhood Health Model

- a. The healthier and fairer service development funding for the tier 3 specialised weight management service is £950,000. this is split across 4 foundation trusts (FTs): Northumbria Healthcare NHS FT, the Newcastle-upon Tyne Hospitals NHS FT, North Cumbria Integrated Care NHS FT and South Tees Hospitals NHS FT.
- b. The ICB is currently undergoing consultation to determine its structure for strategic commissioning and neighbourhood delivery models

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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