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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 3 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**

Under the Freedom of Information Act, I would like to request the following information regarding adult learning disability services.

1. Please could you supply the name, email address and telephone number of the commissioner with responsibility for learning disabilities placements?

*For questions 2 to 6, please supply this information as a snapshot at the end of the year for the financial years 2024/25 and the most up to date snapshot available for 2025/26.*

2. Please provide the total number of adults with learning disabilities funded by the ICB in residential care.
3. Of the total number of adults with learning disabilities funded by the ICB in residential care (q.2) please provide the number that are in 'in area' placements and the number that are in 'out of area' placements.
4. Please provide the total number of adults with learning disabilities funded by the ICB in supported living.
5. Please provide the number of adults with learning disabilities who transitioned from children's learning disabilities services into adult's services – into adult residential care services only, into adult supported living services only, and in total.

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6. Please provide the number of adults with learning disabilities who 'stepped down' from specialist inpatient hospital placements into adult residential care and supported living services.
7. Please provide the ICB's total expenditure on residential care and supported living for adults with learning disabilities for the financial year 2024/25, and budgeted expenditure for 2025/26.
8. Please provide the highest, lowest, and average weekly rate paid by the ICB for residential care placements for adults with a learning disability for each of the financial years 2024/25 and 2025/26. If the ICB has weekly rate bands, please also provide these.
9. Please provide the number of adults with learning disabilities funded by the ICB in residential care with fees per week of:
  - a. Less than £1,500
  - b. £1,500 to £2,999
  - c. £3,000 to £4,999
  - d. £5,000 or more

## 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. Kate OBrien is Director of Nursing, Mental Health, Learning Disabilities, Autism and Complex Care. Please direct all queries to Kate Obrien using the ICB's generic mailbox [nencicb-sun.reception@nhs.net](mailto:nencicb-sun.reception@nhs.net) marked for her attention. Alternatively, please telephone the ICB's Switchboard on 0191-512-8484.
2. Please refer to the summary table below. This shows information for County Durham, Newcastle Gateshead, North Cumbria, South Tyneside and Tees Valley ICB places.

Question	2024-25	2025-26
2.	334	314
3a. In area	321	301
3b. Out of area	13	13
4	364	370
7	£77,192,802.48	£74,762,174.79
8a. Lowest	£687.39	£713.10
8b. Average	£3,192.29	£3,302.70
8c. Highest	£10,869.49	£10,869.49
9a. Less than £1,500	218	200
9b. £1,500 to £2,999	72	65
9c. £3,000 to £4,999	28	32
9d. £5,000 or more	16	17

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 for North Tyneside, Northumberland and Sunderland ICB places. However, we have determined that the information is held by the local authorities within the North East and North Cumbria region.

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 email addresses for NENC local authorities to make your request.

<b>NENC Local Authorities</b>	<b>Email</b>
Cumbria County Council	information.governance@cumbria.gov.uk
Darlington Borough Council	freedomofinformation@darlington.gov.uk
Durham County Council	foi@durham.gov.uk
Gateshead Council	informationrights@gateshead.gov.uk
Hartlepool Borough Council	freedomofinformation@hartlepool.gov.uk
Middlesbrough Borough Council	foi@middlesbrough.gov.uk
Newcastle City Council	freedomofinformation@newcastle.gov.uk
North Tyneside Council	foiofficer@northtyneside.gov.uk
Northumberland County Council	foi@northumberland.gov.uk
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

3. Please refer to the response to question 2.
4. Please refer to the response to question 2.
5. 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. However, we have determined that the information is held by the local authorities within the North East and North Cumbria region.

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 email addresses for those local authorities to make your request. Please refer to the table in question 2.

6. Please refer to the response to question 5.
7. Please refer to the response to question 2.
8. Please refer to the response to question 2.
9. Please refer to the response to question 2.

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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