

Our Reference North East and North Cumbria ICB\
FOI ICB 25-172

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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 30 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

I request the following data from the NENC NHS England perinatal dashboard. For the period January 2023 – June 2025, broken down by quarters (1 Jan – 31 March, etc):

1. Total births.
2. Number and percentage of newborns with a birthweight a) <10th and b) <3rd centile.
3. Number and rate of antenatal SGA detection (per Saving Babies Lives Element 2 Process Indicator 2b).
4. Number and rate of PMRT cases with undetected FGR (per Saving Babies Lives Element 2 Process Indicator 2c).
5. Number and percentage of neonatal deaths.
6. Number and percentage of total stillbirths.
7. Number of percentages of term stillbirths.

Please provide this data as a whole for the NENC, and also broken down by Trust, thanks.

8. Please indicate if any of the data shared has been changed after it was initially recorded, including but not limited to the data referenced in FOI ICB 25-134 (attached): "... within the timeframes requested, one trust had a stillbirth alarm but when data completeness check was

completed, this highlighted issues with data and when this was corrected, the Trust was within 95% confidence limits." I assume this is referring to Newcastle.

Please share what the above 'data completeness check' consisted of and how the data was corrected.

- a. Was the same data completeness check and same correction applied to early comparator periods?
 - b. If cases were reassigned to other Trusts based on the Trust that conducted the booking appointments, was reanalysis of other trusts' rates conducted and/or rates across this group of trusts?
 - c. Was the same methodology applied to the previous comparator periods?
9. Please share all NENC LMNS Quality & Safety meeting minutes and reports from Jan 2023 to date.

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. The information you have requested is available on the NHS England Digital website: [Maternity Services Monthly Statistics – NHS England Digital](#)

In accordance with s.21 of the FOIA, we are not required to provide information in response to a request if it is reasonably accessible to you by other means.

2. 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 acute hospital NHS foundation trusts (FTs) 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 foundation trusts to make your request.

NENC Acute Hospital FTs	Email
County Durham and Darlington NHS FT	cdda-tr.cddftfoi@nhs.net
Gateshead Health NHS FT	ghnt.foi.enquiries@nhs.net
North Cumbria Integrated Care NHS FT	foirequest@cumbria.nhs.uk
North Tees and Hartlepool NHS FT	foi@nth.nhs.uk
Northumbria Healthcare NHS FT	foi@northumbria.nhs.uk
South Tees Hospitals NHS FT	foi@stees.nhs.uk
South Tyneside and Sunderland NHS FT	stsft.freedomofinformation@nhs.net
The Newcastle upon Tyne Hospitals NHS FT	nuth.freedom.information@nhs.net

3. Please refer to the response to question 2.
4. Please refer to the response to question 2.
5. Information you have requested on neonatal death and stillbirths are monitored via the MBRRACE annual reports. The link to these reports is [Reports | MBRRACE-UK | NPEU](#).

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6. Please refer to the response to question 5.
7. Please refer to the response to question 5.
8. NENC ICB is aware that there are known data quality issues with the MSDS published statistics, namely that any trust involved in a pregnancy will have a recorded booking and any trust involved in either the labour and delivery or postnatal care will have the birth record in their data, which can lead to some duplication of related activity and outcome reporting associated with multiple trusts. As a result of this duplicate recording, some births are being assigned to more than one trust in the published MSDS statistics.

NHS England may be able to provide further information on the data quality issues – please contact them via email at england.contactus@nhs.net. Please write “Freedom of Information” in the subject line.

9. NENC ICB does hold copies of NENC LMNS Quality & Safety meeting minutes. However, we reasonably require clarification from you on the scope of your request. Freedom of Information Act 2000, Section 16 stipulates a duty for a public authority to provide advice and assistance when they receive an unclear or ambiguous request. Please provide clarification to the point below.

Could you please confirm whether you require copies of the full meeting minutes or whether you require information relating to the content of your FOI request.

Until we receive this information from you, in line with current legislation your request will closed. If you require any assistance, or would like to discuss your request further, please do not hesitate to contact us quoting the reference number above.

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.

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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