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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 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 please:

1. What was your financial allocation for 2025/2026 to support the Implementation of the NICE Technology Appraisal TA1026 and the NICE funding variation for tirzepatide (Mounjaro) for the management of obesity?
2. How many patients does this financial allocation support treatment of in 2025/2026?
3. How many patients have you identified as being eligible in year 1?
4. If there is a shortfall in funding compared to expected eligibility, how do you anticipate funding this treatment shortfall?
5. Have you started prescribing Mounjaro in line with this NICE funding variation? If not, when will you start?
6. What model of care will you use for its delivery?

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. The final allocation received for the implementation of the NICE Funding Variation for weight loss drugs for the management of obesity was £1,632k.
2. NENC ICB is not commissioning a fixed number of places, funding depends on a number of variables.
3. NENC ICB have identified ~1400 people for Year 1. This is based on NHS England clinical eligibility.
4. NENC ICB have commissioned in a way that we don't expect a shortfall in funding compared to expected eligibility.
5. Yes, NENC ICB have started prescribing Mounjaro in line with this NICE funding variation.
6. The model used is the Community / Local-based Primary Care Delivery model.

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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