



# North East and North Cumbria

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## **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 by North of England Commissioning Support (NECS) on 31 October 2023 for information held by NHS North East and North Cumbria Integrated Care Board (NENC ICB) under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

NENC ICB covers the areas of County Durham, Gateshead, Newcastle, North Cumbria, North Tyneside, Northumberland, South Tyneside, Sunderland and Tees Valley (which covers the 5 councils that make it up – Darlington, Hartlepool, Middlesbrough, Redcar & Cleveland and Stockton-on-Tees).

### **Your Request**

The total value the ICB has been invoiced by care homes between 1 July 2022 and 30 June 2023, as well as a) the total value of those invoices the ICB paid within 30 days, and b) the total value of those invoices the ICB paid after 90 days.

### **Our Response**

#### **For Northumberland, North Tyneside, South Tyneside & Sunderland – payments are made by the Local Authorities as follows -**

- *Northumberland County Council*
- *North Tyneside Council*
- *South Tyneside Council*
- *City of Sunderland Council*

#### **For Tees, Durham, Newcastle, Gateshead, and Cumbria – payments are usually made in the following 2 ways either by the ICB or Local Authorities -**

1) *We pay using an agreed monthly payment schedule based on data using the Broadcare system which captures individual client package information. As information is*

updated, any due payments are paid on the next available monthly payment run and not by invoice.

2) The local authorities below pay the care homes and recharge the ICB therefore we do not hold the information requested for these payments. Local authorities are:

- Redcar & Cleveland Council
- Middlesbrough Council
- Hartlepool Council
- Stockton-on-Tees Council
- Durham County Council
- City of Newcastle Council
- Gateshead Council
- Cumbria County Council

**Invoices not paid via the above two routes that come through as an invoice is detailed below and taken from the ledger system:**

- Total invoices paid to care homes between 01/7/22 – 30/06/23

No. of invoices – 587  
Amount £3,999,202.65

- Total No. invoices paid within 30 days

No. of invoices – 585  
Amount £3,982,682.61

- Total invoice paid after 90 days = 0

In line 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 make a complaint or 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 complaint, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Generally, the Information Commissioner cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the complaints procedure provided by the North of England Commissioning Support Unit.

The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office  
Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
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[www.ico.org.uk](http://www.ico.org.uk)

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Yours sincerely

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