



North East and North Cumbria

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Dear

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 18 November 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).

Please find the information you requested on behalf of the ICB as follows.

Your Request

Please provide details on overseas travel.

Since the creation of the ICB details of all work related travel outside of the UK undertaken by current and former ICB employees to include the following for each trip. Travel funded by another organisation (i.e. not a personal trip) should be included. By work related I mean travel funded by the ICB or a system partner, representing the ICB in any capacity, representing any other NHS, arm's length or government body.

1. Name and job title of person(s) travelling
2. County visited
3. Person, people, event or organisation visited
4. Purpose of the visit
5. Method of travel, rail/air/sea
6. Approximate cost including any expenses incurred during the trip (abroad or while leaving/returning to the UK)
7. Business benefit of the trip
8. Who approved the trip (name/role)

Our Response

The table below details the ICB response to your questions:

Question	Trip 1	Trip 2	Trip 3
1. Name and job title of person(s) travelling	Samantha Allen, Chief Executive	Annie Lavery, Executive Director of Improvement and Experience	Samantha Allen, Chief Executive
2. Country visited	Denmark	Denmark	Italy
3. Person, people, event or organisation visited	International Forum on Quality and Safety in Healthcare Copenhagen 2023 (3 days)	International Forum on Quality and Safety in Healthcare Copenhagen 2023 (3 days)	Beamtree Global Impact Committee – Creating a Better Future for Health
4. Purpose of the visit	Presenting at the event	Presenting at the event	Personal invite to look at best practice from a healthcare perspective with international leaders in healthcare
5. Method of travel, rail/air/sea	Air	Air	Air
6. Approximate cost including any expenses incurred during the trip (abroad or while leaving/returning to the UK)	Return Flight - £242.96 Hotel - £506 Total - £748.96 Trip funded by the Health Foundation's Learning Systems Budget	Return Flight - £602.35 Hotel - £848.04 Total - £1,450.39 Trip funded by the Health Foundation's Learning Systems Budget	Return Flight - £259 Hotel - £600.53 Total - £859.53
7. Business benefit of the trip	The international forum is a key event in the annual patient safety and quality improvement calendar. We were able to promote the work of the NENC ICB on an international stage. The opportunity to learn from best practice across the world was highly beneficial: the 3-day event brought countless networking opportunities to connect with colleagues who were involved in similar work. Promoting the NENC ICS in this way resulted in our work being included in Professor Sir Chris Ham's recent report as an exemplar site. The development of our learning and	The international forum is a key event in the annual patient safety and quality improvement calendar. We were able to promote the work of the NENC ICB on an international stage. The opportunity to learn from best practice across the world was highly beneficial: the 3-day event brought countless networking opportunities to connect with colleagues who were involved in similar work. Promoting the NENC ICS in this way resulted in our work being included in Professor Sir Chris Ham's recent report as an exemplar site. The development of our learning and	An opportunity of international healthcare collaboration of sharing practical advice and interventions to improve quality, safety and productivity.

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8. Who approved the trip (name/role)	Sir Liam Donaldson, Chairman	Samantha Allen, Chief Executive	Sir Liam Donaldson, Chairman

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
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

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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 sincerely

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