

Our Reference North East and North Cumbria ICB\  
FOI ICB 24-311

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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 by North of England Commissioning Support (NECS) on 8 November 2024 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, Gateshead, Newcastle, North Cumbria, North Tyneside, Northumberland, South Tyneside, Sunderland, and Tees Valley (which covers the five local authorities of Darlington, Hartlepool, Middlesbrough, Redcar and Cleveland and Stockton-on-Tees).

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

**Your Request**

I note from an email from the Sunderland Voluntary Sector Alliance that: *"Sunderland Voluntary Sector Alliance have been funded by the North East & North Cumbria Integrated Care Board to understand the provision of community assets across Sunderland, in order to identify opportunities for growth & capacity building within VCSE sector."*

Under FOI, can you please provide me with the following:

1. How much NHS money has been awarded to Sunderland Voluntary Sector Alliance, both as part of Sunderland Council and as a CIO by the ICB?
2. Over what period of time it has been awarded?
3. A complete list of the purpose for which each Grants was awarded.
4. Whether these grants were restricted or unrestricted.

**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. NENC ICB has paid no money directly to Sunderland Voluntary Sector Alliance. VONNE were given funding from the ICB – from the Healthier and Fairer Health Inequalities regional work. They then allocated funding to local infrastructure organisations based on EOIs. Funding locally went to Sunderland Voluntary Sector Alliance and Inspire in South Tyneside.
2. Please refer to the response to question 1.
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4. Please refer to the response to question 1.

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 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  
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[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 sincerely

*S Davies*

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