



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 4 April 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.

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

Your Request

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, I am requesting the following records – all GP practices within the ICB. Please provide the following records by fiscal year in a CSV table including:

- a) practice name
- b) practice location
- c) legal status as limited partnership, general partnership, or company; partnership or company name (if different from practice name)
- d) registered office of partnership or company
- e) GP contract held (GMS, PMS, APMS)

Date range is 2013/14 to 2022/23.

Please provide the requested records in response template below:



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Appendix A ORIGINAL

Our Response

North East and North Cumbria ICB does not hold the requested information.

NHS England may be able to assist with your request. Their Freedom of Information email address is england.contactus@nhs.net (please write "Freedom of Information" in the subject line).

NHS England advised that based on your FOI request wording, they would need to conduct a manual exercise to retrieve the information. The current request would exceed the appropriate limit set out in section 12(1) (cost limit) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. This is set at £450 for NHSE, which equates to 18 hours or more of an officer's time.

You may wish to clarify or amend your request around the points noted below, should you wish to contact them for this information:

Whilst we hold a current record of the practice name, location, contract type etc, the requestor is asking for this information by fiscal year not current year. My interpretation of this is they would like separate lists for 2013/14, 2014/15, 2015/16, etc, which is not something we readily have to hand and therefore will need to go back through separate records to collate any changes that have happened over the past 10 year, for example practices changed from PMS to GMS.

In addition, we do not hold a registry of legal status of practice contracts, i.e. limited partnerships, general partnerships etc, therefore will need to go through 380+ individual contracts to access this information. Which even at 10 mins per contract we will only get through 108 contracts.

I also have some queries on the spreadsheet included in the FOI, was this provided by the requestor or the FOI team as the information in the spreadsheet does not match the information the requestor is asking, therefore clarity maybe required, for instance:

- The wording of the FOI seems to suggest legal status of practice contracts, this is not listed on the spreadsheet but practice status is, i.e. Group, partnership, single-handed etc – These are two very different things.*
- The spreadsheet is also requesting branch/GP led/Walk in information.*
- The spreadsheet seems to suggest current year not fiscal year.*

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

www.ico.gov.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 sincerely

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