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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 16 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

Under my right to access information under the Freedom of Information Act I request that you provide me with a complete breakdown of the birth statistics for North Cumbria Integrated Trust over the past year, including the numbers of home births, inductions, assisted deliveries and caesarean sections.

In processing this request, I would like to receive the following information in electronic format, preferably in a spreadsheet or PDF document:

1. The total number of births that occurred within North Cumbria Integrated Care Trust during the period of January 1, 2023, to date.
2. A monthly breakdown of the number of births at North Cumbria Integrated Care Trust, specifying the number of births for each month within the specified date range.
3. Births each month categorized by the delivery method (e.g., vaginal birth, caesarean section), the respective number of births for each method.
4. The number of births each month involving any form of induction.
5. The number of births each month categorized by delivery location (e.g. delivery suite, MLU, home, BBA)

Please provide the requested information for each respective category separately, ensuring that the data encompasses the specific time frames indicated above. If any of the requested information is not available, I kindly request that you provide an explanation as to why it cannot be provided.

If there are any fees associated with this request, please inform me in advance.

I would prefer to receive the requested information electronically via email. However, if this is not feasible, please let me know the alternative methods available for obtaining the information.

I look forward to your timely response within the 20 working days specified by the Freedom of Information Act. Should you need any further clarification or have any queries regarding this request, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Our Response

The North East and North Cumbria Integrated Care Board (NENC ICB) does not hold the details which you have sought. However, we have determined this detail is held by North Cumbria Integrated Care NHS Foundation Trust (NCIC).

In accordance with our duty under s.16 of the FOIA to provide reasonable advice and assistance to an individual requesting information, the FOI email address for NCIC is foirequest@cumbria.nhs.uk to make your request.

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.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 sincerely

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