



North East and North Cumbria

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By Email

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 22 December 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

I am reaching out to better understand the allocation of funds attributed to the Better Care Fund (BCF).

1. Have you detailed within your 10-year vision plan, a strategy to deliver your responsibilities against population health management and reducing health inequalities?
2. Does this strategy include a breakdown of the better care fund allocations?
3. If yes, please detail any further funding and/or initiatives.
4. Do you run any procurement tenders with funding earmarked for the BCF and if so, can you list the services and suppliers procured and the value of the tenders.

5. Could you give us a breakdown of each minimum allocation to the HWBs in your ICP for the last 5 years (if pre ICP then please use Clinical Commissioning Group data).

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. Yes. Please see our Integrated Care Strategy on the NENC website at <https://northeastnorthcumbria.nhs.uk/about-us/publications/>
2. No
3. N/A
4. No. NECS Healthcare Procurement and Market Management Team do not hold this budgetary information to identify the services.
5. Yes. Please see the links to information below which is available on the NHS England website. Therefore, in accordance with s.21 of the FOIA, we are not required to provide information in response to a request if it is reasonably accessible to you by other means.

The RNF revised tab in the link below shows the 21/22 minimum contribution THE BCF 2020-21 tab shows the 19/20 and 20/21 minimum contribution all by CCG.

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/publication/minimum-allocations-for-the-better-care-fund-from-ccgs-in-2021-22/>

The link below shows the minimum spend by ICB for 22/23 – See CCG – LA allocations & ICB – LA allocations

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/Minimum-allocations-for-the-Better-Care-Fund-from-local-authority-integrated-care-boards-and-clinical-commissi.xlsx>

The final link is the minimum spend by ICB for 23/24 – BCF allocations

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/bcf-23-25-minimum-nhs-contributions-from-integrated-care-boards.xlsx>

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
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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