



# 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 14 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**

As a follow up to my research, may you kindly provide the number of out-of-area (OOA) placements as well as the number of people with a delayed transfer of care (DTOC) in an in-patient setting for the following conditions:

- a) Mental Health (MH) conditions – Patients in a rehab and recovery unit inpatient bed
- b) Neuropsychiatry (NP) disorders – Patients in a specialist neuropsychiatry inpatient bed.
- c) Acquired Brain Injuries (ABI) condition – Patients in a level-3 neuro-rehab facility in-patient bed.

I have attached an Excel document that details the information I am looking to obtain and explains what defines out-of-area (OOA) placements and a delayed transfer of care (DTOC). I would like to know the current total number of people for both OOA and DTOC in each of the conditions listed above.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

## Our Response

The North East and North Cumbria Integrated Care Board (NENC ICB) does not hold the records which you have sought. However, we have determined the records are held by Mental Health Hospital NHS Foundation Trusts within the North East and North Cumbria region. In accordance with our duty under s.16 of the FOIA to provide reasonable advice and assistance to an individual requesting information, we have provided the FOI email addresses for those hospitals to make your request.

NENC Mental Health Hospital FTs	Email
Cumbria, Northumberland, Tyne & Wear NHS FT	foi@cntw.nhs.uk
Tees, Esk & Wear Valley NHS FT	tewv.foi@nhs.net

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](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

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