

Our Reference North East and North Cumbria
ICB\FOI ICB764

NECS – John Snow House
Durham University Science Park
Durham
DH1 3YG

Tel: 0191 301 1300
E-mail: necsu.icbfoi@nhs.net

By Email

11 March 2024

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 13 February 2024 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

Your ICB recently posted figures to NHS Digital with regards to Personal Health Budgets for Quarter 1 (2023/24) related to Children's Continuing HealthCare (see attached ICB submission from [Personal Health Budgets - NHS Digital](#) website – TAB Q1 PHB DATA, columns N/O/P/Q for your ICB row.

| Children's Continuing Health Care (CHC) | | | |
|---|-----------------|-----------------------|----------|
| Total | Direct Payments | 3 rd Party | Notional |
| 250 | 141 | 18 | 150 |

I would like to know what the total cost of these PHB packages i.e. total cost of CCHC for the figures submitted above, which includes the total cost for each area - Direct Payments, 3rd Party and Notional Budgets so that a calculation can be made of the average PHB package cost for each area (e.g. Direct Payments Total Cost / Direct Payments Total No.).

Our Response

We can confirm, as per Section 1(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, the ICB does hold the information requested.

North Cumbria Children's Continuing Health Care (CHC)

| Children's Continuing Health Care (CHC) | | | |
|---|-----------------|-----------------------------|----------|
| Total | Direct Payments | 3 rd Party | Notional |
| 18 | 0 | 18 | 0 |
| | | Total Cost £1,128,567.26 | |

Please see below North Cumbria data in relation to Children's PHB packages.

There were 31 active packages during Quarter 1 for 23/24.

The forecast total for these packages was £537,273. This figure includes any actual payments and outstanding balances relating to Quarter 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
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

Pamela Coxon

Pamela Coxon
Information Governance Officer