

Freedom of Information Request

Ref: 23-157

28 February 2023

By Email

Dear Sir/Madam

Thank you for your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The Trust's response is as follows:

- We can confirm that we do not hold the information you are requesting
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1. (a) Within the past year, have you reviewed or found opportunities for improvement in pathways and care for headache and migraine?
 1. (b) (i) If yes, what did this review find?
 1. (b) (ii) If no, what has prevented this so far?
 1. (c) Do you have any plans to implement the findings of the optimum clinical pathway for adults for Headache & facial pain published by the National Neurosciences Advisory Group (NNAG) in February 2023?
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2. (a) Have you reviewed the migraine needs of your local population (e.g. numbers of people living with migraine who are diagnosed and not yet diagnosed) and planned services to meet these needs (e.g. by offering opportunities for training in migraine management to GPs, as well as adequate access to secondary and tertiary specialists)?
 2. (b) If not, are there plans to do so?
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3. (a) Do you have a specialist headache clinic in your Trust?
 3. (b) (i) If yes, please give details.
 3. (b) (ii) If no, please give details of the clinic you would refer out to.
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4. (a) How many people did you support through your specialist headache clinics in 2021?
 4. (b) How many people did you support through your specialist headache clinics in 2022?
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5. What is the average waiting time from GP referral to first appointment at the specialist headache clinics in your Trust (current or for when you last had data)?
 6. How many full time equivalent (FTE) headache specialist doctors are employed by your Trust (in secondary care or GPs with an extended role)?
 7. How many FTE headache specialist nurses are employed by your Trust?
 8. (a) Do you have plans in 2023/24 to increase headache specialist services?

8. (b) If yes, please give details.
9. (a) Can eligible patients currently access Calcitonin Gene-Related Peptide (CGRP) medications through your Board/Trust area?
9. (b) (i) If yes, how many people are accessing CGRP medication through your Board/Trust area?
9. (b) (ii) If yes, which of the following CGRP medications can they access: Ajovy/fremanezumab, Emgality/galcanezumab, Vyepti/eptinezumab, or Aimovig/erenumab.
9. (b) (iii) If yes, what is the current waiting time to access a prescribing specialist?
9. (b) (iv) If yes, is the administration of CGRP treatments monitored by a headache specialist?
9. (b) (v) If yes, is the administration of CGRP treatments subject to any additional restrictions or criteria?
9. (c) If no, do you refer and fund it out of area? Please give details.
10. (a) Do you have any education or training programmes with GPs or pharmacists in your area on migraine? (E.g. regarding GP/pharmacy education, patient management in the community, patient information or referral pathways)
10. (b) If yes, or if any are planned, please give details.
10. (c) If no, please explain any reasons (e.g. budgets / other priorities / other organisations' responsibility).
11. (a) Are you aware of local inequalities of access to headache specialist services amongst any groups (e.g. by gender, ethnicity, disability, socio-economic groups)?
11. (b) If yes, please give details of the inequalities and any work you are doing or planning to address this.

North Bristol NHS Trust hosts the neurology service. Please contact North Bristol NHS Trust for this information at foi@nbt.nhs.uk

This concludes our response. We trust that you find this helpful, but please do not hesitate to contact us directly if we can be of any further assistance.

If, after that, you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to:

Data Protection Officer
University Hospitals Bristol and Weston NHS Foundation Trust
Trust Headquarters
Marlborough Street
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Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF

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Yours sincerely

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