

Dear Requestor

RE: Freedom of Information Request

With reference to your request for information I can confirm in accordance with Section 1 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 that we partially hold the information that you have requested. A response to each part of your request is below.

In the request you asked:

- 1) How many consultations are there per year in each of the following care settings for chronic pain. Please provide us with the financial years of 2018-2019, 2019-2020 and 2020-2021.

- How many consultations are there in Community services?

The data collected relates to outcomes from triage assessment, this does not include the number of patients or consultations. A patient triaged as appropriate for Community treatment for Pain is accepted onto the Pain and Spinal pathway.

Community Pain Management Contract – the CCG only holds the number of referrals into the service, the CCG do not hold the numbers of consultations and we are unable to breakdown the referrals by chronic fatigue. Please see the table below for number of referrals into the service:

	Numbers of referrals during 2018/19	Numbers of referrals during 2019/20	Numbers of referrals during 2020/21
Greater Nottinghamshire	2351	2214	1731
Mid Nottinghamshire	332	4397	1910

- How many consultations are there in Primary care (general practice)?

NHS Nottingham and Nottinghamshire CCG do not hold this information. You may wish to contact individual GP practices to request this information.

- How many consultations are there in Secondary Care (Acute Hospitals)

NHS Nottingham and Nottinghamshire CCG do not hold this level of information. You may wish to contact Nottingham University Hospitals NHS Trust and Sherwood Forest Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust. Information on how to contact each Trust can be found via the following links.

Nottingham University Hospitals NHS Trust – <https://www.nuh.nhs.uk/freedom-of-information/>

Sherwood Forest Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust – <https://www.sfh-tr.nhs.uk/about-us/contact-us/freedom-of-information-act-access-information-from-a-public-body/>

- 2) How many patients per year does that represent? In each care setting for each of the following financial years (2018-2019), (2019-2020) and (2020-2021).

- Primary care (general practice) - in the years (2018-2019), (2019-2020) and (2020-21).

NHS Nottingham and Nottinghamshire CCG do not hold this information. You may wish to contact individual GP practices to request this information.

- Community Services - in the years (2018-2019), (2019-2020) and (2020-2021).

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- Secondary care (acute hospitals) - in the years (2018-2019), (2019-2020) and (2020-21).

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3) What is the total cost of medication per year for Chronic Pain?

Please give us the total cost for providing the following analgesics on prescription in each of the following care-settings: (Primary = GP and Community Services) and (Secondary = Acute Hospital Settings) for the following years: 2018-19, 2019-20 and 2020-21. Please note, we recognise that it may be impossible to dissociate the prescription of these drugs for pain or for other indication. In that case, please just provide us with the total cost irrespective of indication. Please consider referring to the BNF analgesics chapter.

NHS Nottingham and Nottinghamshire CCG do not hold this information for Primary Care Services and Secondary Care Services. For Secondary Care Services you may wish to contact Nottingham University Hospitals NHS Trust and Sherwood Forest Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust. Information on how to contact each Trust can be found via the following links.

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4) Do you have a secondary care pain unit in the CCG? If so, how many referrals are made to this unit per year? For the following financial years: (2018-19), (2019-20) and (2020-21).

NHS Nottingham and Nottinghamshire CCG do not commission a secondary care pain unit. Please see the below table for Community Pain Management Service – referrals through to acute trusts.

	Numbers of referrals during 2018/19	Numbers of referrals during 2019/20	Numbers of referrals during 2020/21
Greater Nottinghamshire	2351	2214	1731
Mid Nottinghamshire	332	4397	1910

- 5) Do you have community pain services? If so, how many consultations are made to these services per year? For the following financial years: (2018-19), (2019-20) and (2020-21). How are these services commissioned?

NHS Nottingham and Nottinghamshire CCG do not hold this information.

Community Pain Management Contract – the CCG only holds the number of referrals into the service, not the number of consultations and we are unable to breakdown the referrals by chronic fatigue. Please see the table below for number of referrals into the service:

	Numbers of referrals during 2018/19	Numbers of referrals during 2019/20	Numbers of referrals during 2020/21
Greater Nottinghamshire	48	99	60
Mid Nottinghamshire	-	2072	1303

- 6) What is the total cost of care per year for Chronic Pain? In each setting for each financial year.

- Primary care (general practice) - in the years (2018-2019), (2019-2020) and (2020-2021).

NHS Nottingham and Nottinghamshire CCG do not hold this information. You may wish to contact individual GP practices to request this information.

- Community Services - in the years (2018-2019), (2019-2020) and (2020-21).

The total cost of delivering MSK Integrated Clinical Assessment and Treatment Service (not only Chronic Pain) was £1,938,923 (in 19/20) and £2,113,384 (in 20/21). However the Community Service is commissioned within a block contract which MSK Integrated Clinical Assessment and Treatment Service is one element. We do not hold separate cost of care information for Chronic Pain.

Community Pain Management Contract Values

	Contract value 2018/19	Contract Value 2019/20	Contract Value 2020/21
Greater Nottinghamshire	£583,824	£820,351	£808,519
Mid Nottinghamshire	£107,083	£1,193,110	£904,935

- Secondary care (acute hospitals) - in the years (2018-2019), (2019-2020) and (2020-21).

Outpatients

Financial Year	Activity	PbR_Total_Tariff_D
2018/2019	14,072	£1,051,702
2019/2020	4,881	£521,751
2020/2021	2,587	£230,197

Inpatients

Financial Year	Activity	Final_National_Tariff
2018/2019	4,586	£2,570,493
2019/2020	3,270	£1,815,965
2020/2021	910	£526,782

TOTAL

Financial Year	Activity	Final_National_Tariff
2018/2019	18,658	£3,622,195
2019/2020	8,151	£2,337,716
2020/2021	3,497	£756,980

If you are unhappy with the way in which your request has been handled, NHS Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Clinical Commissioning Group have an internal review procedure through which you can raise any concerns you might have. Further details of this procedure can be obtained by contacting Lucy Branson, Associate Director of Governance via lucy.branson@nhs.net or by writing to NHS Nottingham and Nottinghamshire CCG, Sir John Robinson House, Sir John Robinson Way, Arnold, Nottingham, NG5 6DA.

If you remain dissatisfied with the outcome of the internal review, you can apply to the Information Commissioner's Office, who will consider whether the organisation has complied with its obligations under the Act, and can require the organisation to remedy any problems. Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the complaints procedure provided by NHS Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Clinical Commissioning Group. You can find out more about how to do this, and about the Act in general, on the Information Commissioner's Office website at: <https://ico.org.uk/for-the-public/>

Complaints to the Information Commissioner's Office should be sent to: FOI/EIR Complaints Resolution, Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF
Telephone 0303 123 1113 or report a concern: <https://ico.org.uk/concerns/>

Yours sincerely

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