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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 do hold the information that you have requested. A response to each part of your request is below.

In the request you asked:

1. Does your commissioning agreement within your CCG inclusive of treatment for Functional Neurological Disorder?

The CCG is currently managing implied contracts that include the treatment for Functional Neurological Disorder (FND). The implied contracts are in place as part of the NHS Major Incident Response to COVID-19. Under normal circumstances the CCG would hold formal contracts that includes the treatment of FND.

2. Can you please confirm that the commissioning agreement within your CCG provides each of the following services and that people with FND are eligible to be referred and receive this treatment:
 - Neurological physiotherapy
 - Neurological occupational therapy
 - Speech and language therapy and
 - Psychological therapies

The current implied contract contains a service specification that covers Physiotherapists, Occupational Therapists, a Speech and Language therapist & a Cognitive Behavioural Therapist as well as a rehabilitation support worker. These services provide treatment for patients who need neurological rehabilitation for any diagnosed neurological conditions including FND.

3. Can you please provide a list of the services offered and contact details which include both Inpatient and Community/Outpatient Rehabilitation Services as advised in Q2?

Both Nottingham University Hospitals NHS Trust and Nottinghamshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust provides Inpatient and Outpatient services for patients with Neurological conditions including FND.

Contact details for each Trust can be found on their individual websites as below.

Nottingham University Hospitals NHS Trust – <https://www.nuh.nhs.uk/contact-and-find-us-contact>

Nottinghamshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust -
<https://www.nottinghamshirehealthcare.nhs.uk/contact-us>

4. If your commissioning agreement excludes the treatment of Functional Neurological Disorder, can you please provide details of which services in your CCG Areas accepts referrals for treatment for Functional Neurological Disorder?

The implied contracts include FND.

5. Do you have plans to improve access to treatment for people with FND? If so, can you provide details of what improvements are being implemented?

NHS Nottingham and Nottinghamshire CCG currently do not have plans to improve access to treatment for people with FND. You may wish to contact Nottingham University Hospitals NHS Trust to request this information. Information on how to submit a Freedom of Information request to the Trust can be found on their website via the following link - <https://www.nuh.nhs.uk/freedom-of-information/>

6. Would you or your colleagues be interested in accessing clinical support/education about FND involving specialist clinicians?

The above request does not fall under Freedom of Information legislation and therefore we are unable to answer this question.

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Recorded information includes:

- Printed documents
- Computer files
- Letters
- Emails
- Photographs
- Sound or video recordings

You may wish to send this particular enquiry to NHS Nottingham and Nottinghamshire CCG via the general enquires contact form on our website - <https://nottscg.nhs.uk/contact-us/general-enquiries/>

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.

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Telephone 0303 123 1113 or report a concern: <https://ico.org.uk/concerns/>

Yours sincerely

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