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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 partially 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 ICB have an inter-organisational group with a responsibility for neurology? (e.g. clinical prioritisation group, clinical reference group)

No.

- 1a. If no, what governance process is in place for decisions relating to neurology pathways?

Not applicable.

2. Is there a person with responsibility for migraine and headache services?

There is no single person with responsibility for migraine and headache services however, this is a commissioning function and as such would be undertaken by the Commissioning Team under the leadership of the Director of Integration.

- 2a. If yes, what is their name and role?

Not applicable.

3. What is the name and job title of the individual responsible for leading the group?

- a) ICB lead

Not applicable.

- b) Primary care lead

Not applicable.

- c) Secondary care lead

Not applicable.

4. What is the name and job title of the individual responsible for overseeing the set of inter-organisational groups across your ICB (e.g. Clinical Prioritisation Group, Clinical Reference Group)?

There is no single person responsible for inter-organisational groups. The role of the Medical Director is to develop and lead the wider transformation programme, Clinical Care Professional Leadership Group (CCPLG) and Clinical Design Authority.

5. If an inter-organisational group with a responsibility for neurology exists, which organisations are members of this group?

- a) Acute providers
- b) Community providers
- c) Voluntary and Charity
- d) Primary care
- e) Other

Not applicable.

6. Does your ICB have a budget specifically allocated to neurology?

No. The budget for neurology, forms part of the block payments to our acute Trusts. The ICB commissions:

- Neurology outpatients at Adult Neurosciences or Neurology Centres that have not been referred by a consultant.
- Neurology inpatients and neurology outpatients where these are provided at local hospitals that are not Adult Neurosciences or Neurology Centres.
- Services for patients who have had a stroke except where those patients need specialist interventions such as thrombectomy.

NHS England Specialised Commissioning commissions the following neurology services and you might find it helpful to contact them via england.contactus@nhs.net:

- All neurosurgery activity, including specialist interventions (such as thrombectomy) for patients who have had a stroke
- All interventional procedures within neuroradiology
- Inpatient neurology
- Specialist diagnostics (including neurophysiology, neuroradiology)
- Associated services (neuropsychology, neuropsychiatry, neuro-rehabilitation, neuro critical care)
- Neurology outpatients, where the outpatient has been referred by a consultant
- Specialist services for patients with Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease

6a. If yes, what is the value of this budget?

Not applicable.

7. What is the name of the ICB's Chief Pharmacist?

Mindy Bassi- Chief Pharmacist

7a. What is the name of the medicines management / high-cost drugs Lead?

Mindy Bassi- Chief Pharmacist has overall responsibility for medicines management.

8. How does your ICB make decisions around ICS budgets to determine how to invest and who is responsible for this?

The ICB makes decisions around the use of ICS budgets via the Strategic Decision-Making Framework - <https://notts.icb.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/2022/04/COM-002a-Strategic-Decision-Making-Framework-v1.0-1.pdf>.

8a. What is the name of the person responsible for service transformation and contracting primary care providers?

- Service Transformation – Dave Briggs, Medical Director
- Contracting Primary Care Providers – Lucy Dadge, Director of Integration

9. What forums do you have for primary and secondary care to collaborate and design services around population needs?

- Clinical Design Authority
- Long Term Condition Steering Groups
- Elective and Outpatient steering group
- Task and Finish Groups
- Transformation groups

10. What, if any, specific priorities do the ICB have around neurology, and migraine in particular?

The ICB does not have any specific neurological priorities.

11. Are there any examples of any Integrated Care Partnerships, Primary Care Networks or Provider Collaborations in your ICB who have focused on reviewing pathways relating to migraine and headache?

No.

12. What governance process does the ICB have in place for reviewing clinical pathways?

Any clinical change is developed with system partners with defined clinical leadership Any subsequent change is reviewed first by a Service Change Review Group to confirm the governance requirements which may be the ICB Executive, the Strategic Planning and Integration Committee or the Integrated Care Board as determined by the Scheme of Reservation and Delegation - <https://notts.icb.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/2022/04/NHS-Nottingham-and-Nottinghamshire-ICB-SoRD-v1.0-1.pdf>.

13. What is the name and job title of the individual(s) accountable for the effectiveness of clinical pathways?

There is no single person responsible for this but it is the responsibility of the ICB.

14. What is the name and job title of the individual(s) accountable for the redesign of pathways?

Redesign of pathways is overseen by the Medical Director, but it is the responsibility of the ICB and System Partners to work together.

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Yours sincerely

Freedom of Information (FOI) Officer on behalf of *NHS Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Integrated Care Board*

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