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NN-ICB/23/345

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 the ICS/ICB have a menopause guideline(s)?

Yes, the ICB adopted the [National NICE Guideline NG23](#), which covers the diagnosis and management of menopause, including in women who have premature ovarian insufficiency.

1a. If so, please provide the date of inception for the guideline(s) and the date of any subsequent update.

National NICE Guideline NG23 was published 12th November 2015 and updated 5th December 2019.

1b. The name, title and other role designation(s) of the clinical lead for the guideline(s), and any URL to where the guideline(s) can be viewed on your website.

This guideline is a national NICE guideline not locally written and can be accessed via the following link - <https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/ng23>

1c. If there is guidance, when is this due to be updated/reviewed?

NICE provide a log of all updates and minor changes made to the guidance following reviews, this can be accessed via the following link - <https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/ng23/chapter/Update-information>. The last minor change was made in July 2022.

2. Does the ICS/ICB have any menopause pilots? (please include any pilot projects and indicate their status).

No.

3. Is a women's healthcare strategy a priority?

Yes, a women's healthcare strategy is a priority.

3a. If so, please identify commissioning approaches and any commissioned services (existing or planned) that support the priority(ies)

The ICB is in the process of ensuring alignment of all commissioning policies that were developed by the predecessor CCGs, specifically NHS Nottingham and Nottinghamshire CCG and NHS

Bassetlaw CCG. As part of this process, the ICB is actively contributing to a review across the East Midlands region of fertility policies and commissioned Assisted Conception services.

4. Does the ICS/ICB have a women's healthcare lead?

Yes.

4a. If so, who performs that role? Please state name, title and other role designation(s)

- Janine Elson, Deputy Medical Director Fertility and Sexual Health
- Nicola Jay, Deputy Medical Director

4b. If not, please indicate any intention to appoint a women's healthcare lead and any related timeframe for the appointment.

Not applicable.

5. Does your locality have a Women's Health Hub (defined as delivering services in the community that better fit around women's lives and streamline access to women's health services <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/25-million-for-womens-health-hub-expansion>)?

No.

5a. If you do not currently have a Women's Health Hub, is this within the strategy for women's services for your area?

Yes, this forms part of the ICS strategy for Women's Health which is due to be refreshed following the completion of a Joint Needs strategic Assessment with Public Health.

6. Given the government's intention to improve access to HRT for women, does the ICS/ICB have any targets around HRT usage in menopausal women?

NICE guidance recommends an individualised approach to management of the perimenopause and menopause. Work is currently being undertaken between the ICB and Nottingham University Hospitals NHS Trust Menopause lead consultant, to develop resources to support GPs prior to referring to Menopause Advice and Guidance. These are designed to educate GPs and encourage appropriate management within primary care and appropriate use of advice and guidance. There is HRT prescribing guidance available from Nottingham Area Prescribing Committee - <https://www.nottsapc.nhs.uk/>

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Yours sincerely

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