

24/11/2023 NN-ICB/23/523

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.

Q1: Does NHS Nottingham and Nottinghamshire ICB and its local authorities that are part of NHS Nottingham and Nottinghamshire ICS have an agreed Dementia Strategy (10-year plan) for its Mental Health commissioning priorities?

Nottinghamshire and Nottinghamshire Integrated Care System (ICS) has undertaken work to draft a fiveyear Dementia Strategy, which is due to be reviewed following the publication of the national Major Conditions Strategy.

Q2: If yes or partial in Q1, does this strategy include the commissioning of diagnostic pathways for Dementia conditions?

Yes

Q3: If yes or partial in Q1, does the strategy pertain to adults (65+) only, or is the strategy all-age? All age.

Q4: Does NHS Nottingham and Nottinghamshire ICB have or intend to operate with a Lead Provider Model for the commissioning of its services (including diagnostic & treatment pathways) for Dementia conditions?

Yes. NHS Nottingham & Nottinghamshire Integrated Care Board (ICB) has commissioned a Lead Provider model to enable the integration of assessment, treatment and support pathways.

Q5: If yes to Q4, what is the timeline for the implementation of a Lead Provider Model if it is not already in place?

N/A, as already in place.

Q6: Does NHS Nottingham and Nottinghamshire ICB and NHS Nottingham and Nottinghamshire ICS have a Dementia Mental Health Provider Collaborative that oversees and/or advises on the clinical quality of the diagnosis of Dementia conditions?

Nottingham and Nottinghamshire ICS does not have a Dementia Mental Health Provider Collaborative. The ICS does have a system-wide Dementia Steering Group, which has a role to develop and review the Dementia pathway; however, this does not advise on the clinical quality of the diagnosis of dementia conditions.

Q7: If yes to Q6, does this provider collaborative address outpatient community services?

N/A

Q8: If yes to Q6, which organisations are involved?

N/A

Q9: Within NHS Nottingham and Nottinghamshire ICB, or NHS Nottingham and Nottinghamshire ICS, or the Lead Provider of Dementia diagnostic services (if applicable), is there a Dementia Programme (system) Lead and/or Clinical Lead for Dementia conditions? What is their title?

The ICS Dementia Steering Group is chaired by a Consultant Psychiatrist. A GP within the ICB's Clinical Design Authority has Dementia in their portfolio. There is a System Delivery Director for Mental Health, whose portfolio includes dementia.

Q10: Does NHS Nottingham and Nottinghamshire ICB and its local authorities that are part of NHS Nottingham and Nottinghamshire ICS pool or align finances for the commissioning of its Dementia services (for example under Section 75, or Better Care Fund)?

Yes.

Q11: If no to Q10, do they intend to do so in the future?

N/A

Q12: Does NHS Nottingham and Nottinghamshire ICB and its local authorities that are part of NHS Nottingham and Nottinghamshire ICS commission either directly or indirectly through sub-contract arrangements independent providers for elements of their Dementia Diagnostic Pathways?

No.

Q13: If yes to Q12, is this part of a waiting lists initiative to clear backlogs, or as part of partnership collaborative commissioning across local NHS Trusts & or independent providers?

N/A

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Yours sincerely

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