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Dear Requestor

Re: Freedom of Information Request

Thank you for your request for information, received on 25 February 2026, regarding the commissioning and funding of placements for adults with severe neurological injury and/or long-term airway or ventilatory dependency following discharge from acute hospital settings. We have processed your request in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

Under the FOIA, public authorities are required to respond within 20 working days. I can confirm that the ICB partially holds the information requested. Where information is not held, this is stated below.

Please find below our response to your request:

For the purposes of this request, please include adults (aged 18+) who have been discharged from acute NHS hospital settings (including ICU, neurology, neurosurgery, stroke, trauma, spinal injury or respiratory wards) and who require high levels of ongoing care due to:

- *Traumatic brain injury*
- *Stroke (ischaemic or haemorrhagic)*
- *Hypoxic/anoxic brain injury*
- *Brain tumour or post-neurosurgical complications*
- *High cervical spinal cord injury*
- *Severe acquired neurological disability*
- *Advanced neurodegenerative disorders (e.g., Motor Neurone Disease, advanced MS, advanced Parkinson's disease)*
- *Other serious neurological or respiratory conditions resulting in long-term functional impairment*

Including individuals discharged with:

- *A tracheostomy in situ*
- *Long-term invasive ventilation*
- *Long-term non-invasive ventilation*
- *Complex airway management needs*

Please provide data for the most recent three financial years available.

1. Commissioned Placements and Care Packages

For each financial year, please provide:

- a) The total number of adults meeting the above criteria for whom the ICB has commissioned or funded a placement or care package following discharge from acute hospital.

The ICB does not hold this information in the format requested. This is because records do not distinguish patients by referral source (e.g. acute discharge vs community, GP or self-referral), nor are they categorised in a way that aligns fully with the cohort definition provided. However, the following contextual information is available:

- The neurorehabilitation pathway currently supports 17 individuals who meet the described criteria (current position only).
- Since 2024/25 (when recording systems were updated), 162 patients have been supported on the neurorehabilitation pathway in some capacity (this may include inpatient rehabilitation, community support, or both).
- This figure does not include individuals who subsequently became eligible for Continuing Healthcare (CHC).

A breakdown by financial year is not held.

- b) A breakdown of placement type:

- Specialist neurorehabilitation unit (Level 1 or 2):
- Specialist ABI/neuro-disability care home:
- Specialist ventilator-dependent unit
- Non-specialist nursing or residential care home:
- Home with a domiciliary or complex care package
- Other (please specify)

The ICB does not hold a comprehensive breakdown of placement types in the format requested. However, available information includes (as a current snapshot):

- 11 individuals in specialist neurorehabilitation placements;
- 6 individuals in non-specialist nursing homes; and

Activity data:

- Approximately 113 individuals supported at home (short-term) in 2024/25;
- Approximately 101 individuals supported at home (short-term) in 2025/26.

Due to the way data is recorded, it is not possible to provide a complete or mutually exclusive breakdown across all categories requested.

2. Continuing Healthcare (CHC)

- a) Of the above cohort, how many were funded under NHS Continuing Healthcare?

The ICB does not hold a complete figure for this cohort. This is because individuals on the neurorehabilitation pathway are assessed for CHC at a later stage, once clinically optimised.

Available information:

- 2 individuals became eligible for CHC in 2024/25
- 8 individuals became eligible for CHC in 2025/26

However, these figures relate only to patients transitioning from the neurorehabilitation pathway and do not represent the total CHC cohort.

- b) How many required 24-hour care provision?

The ICB does not hold this information.

- c) How many required ventilator-capable or tracheostomy-capable placements?

The ICB does not hold this information in a reportable format. However, as a current position, two individuals are known to require this level of care.

3. Commissioning and Classification

- a) Does the ICB maintain a defined list of “specialist ABI”, “specialist neuro-disability”, or ventilator-capable care homes?

No. The ICB does not maintain a defined list of “specialist ABI”, “specialist neuro-disability”, or ventilator-capable care homes.

The ICB does not operate a framework, Dynamic Purchasing System (DPS), or preferred provider list for neurorehabilitation services. Placements are commissioned on a patient-choice basis, subject to clinical suitability and provider availability.

- b) If so, please provide the number of such placements commissioned in each financial year.

The ICB does not hold this information. As the ICB does not maintain a defined list or categorisation of providers as described above, it is not possible to report the number of placements commissioned on this basis.

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Yours sincerely

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