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Dear Requestor

Re: Freedom of Information Request

Thank you for your request for information, received on 13 April 2026, regarding publicly recorded information about headache/migraine service configuration and staffing. We have processed your request in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

Under the FOIA, public authorities like ours are required to respond to requests for information within 20 working days. In response to your request, I can confirm that we do not hold the information requested.

Details of your request:

This request is to understand publicly recorded information about headache/migraine service configuration and staffing to inform health system engagement planning. No commercial promotion is intended.

To help you respond efficiently, I have set out the questions below and provided definitions. If any part of this request exceeds the appropriate cost limit or requires clarification, please advise how it may be refined to fall within the limit.

Definitions (for this request):

- 'Headache & migraine service' means any commissioned, hosted, or directly provided service/clinic (secondary care, community, or integrate) that offers assessment and/or ongoing management of headache disorders (including migraine) for adults and/or children, whether stand-alone or embedded within neurology/pain services.
- 'Clinical/service lead' means the named clinician responsible for clinical leadership of the headache/migraine service/pathway (e.g., consultant neurologist, GPwER, or other appointed lead).
- 'Workforce size' refers to staff who work within, or are formally allocated to, the headache/migraine service/pathway. Please provide both headcount and Whole Time Equivalent (WTE), where available.

1. Service existence and configuration

- a) Does your NHS body host, or directly provide a dedicated headache and/or migraine service/clinic? If yes, please specify whether it is: dedicated headache clinic; migraine clinic; neurology clinic with dedicated headache sessions; community service; or other (please describe).
- b) Please provide the service name(s), provider organisation(s)/site(s), and patient group(s) served (adult, paediatric, or both).

2. Named clinical/service lead

- a) Please provide the name, job title, and employing organisation of the current named clinical/service lead for the headache/migraine service/pathway.
- b) If there is no single named lead, please provide the name(s) and title(s) of the most senior clinician(s) responsible for headache/migraine care/pathway governance.

3. Workforce size (headcount and WTE)

For the most recent 12-month period available (or the latest point-in-time establishment), please provide the staffing complement allocated to the headache/migraine service/pathway, broken down as follows:

- a) Nurses (including headache specialist nurses/ANPs) – headcount and WTE, and banding (e.g., Agenda for Change band) if recorded.
- b) Pharmacists (clinical pharmacists, prescribing pharmacists, medicines optimisation) – headcount and WTE, and banding/grade if recorded.
- c) Administrative/clerical staff – headcount and WTE, and banding/grade if recorded.
- d) Any other staff groups materially involved in the service (optional but helpful): consultants/medical staff, allied health professionals, psychologist, physician associates – headcount and WTE.

4. Service capacity indicators (optional but helpful)

- a) Number of headache/migraine clinics/sessions delivered per week or per month (or annual total).
- b) Number of new and follow-up appointments for headache/migraine in the last 12 months (if recorded).
- c) Current waiting time for first appointment (e.g., median or RTT measure used locally) for headache/migraine referrals.

Our response to your request:

The Integrated Care Board (ICB) is responsible for the commissioning of healthcare services within the local area. This means the ICB plans, funds, and oversees the delivery of services but does not directly provide any healthcare services to patients. For example, the ICB does not offer specific headache / migraine clinics within the specialty.

As such, the ICB does not hold the specific information you request. You may wish to contact the individual healthcare providers directly to request this information. Information on how to submit a Freedom of Information request to each provider can be found on their respective website links below:

- Nottingham University Hospitals NHS Trust - <https://www.nuh.nhs.uk/freedom-of-information>
- Sherwood Forest Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust - <https://www.sfh-tr.nhs.uk/about-us/regulatory-information/freedom-of-information/foi-request-form/>
- Nottinghamshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust - <https://www.nottinghamshirehealthcare.nhs.uk/c-freedom-of-information>.

If you are unhappy with the way in which your request has been handled, NHS Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Integrated Care Board (ICB) has 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, Director of Corporate Governance and Assurance via lucy.branson@nhs.net or by writing to FOI

Team at NHS Nottingham and Nottinghamshire ICB, Sir John Robinson House, Sir John Robinson Way, Arnold, Daybrook, Nottingham NG5 6DA.

If you remain dissatisfied with the outcome of the internal review, you can apply to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO), who will consider whether the organisation has complied with its obligations under the Act and can require the organisation to remedy any problems. Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the complaints procedure provided by NHS Nottingham and Nottinghamshire ICB. You can find out more about how to do this, and about the Act in general, on the Information Commissioner's Office website at: <https://ico.org.uk/for-the-public/>.

Complaints to the Information Commissioner's Office should be sent to:

FOI/EIR Complaints Resolution, Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. Telephone 0303 123 1113 or report a concern via <https://ico.org.uk/concerns/>.

Yours sincerely

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