

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to request your kind assistance with an open government request according to the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

We are interested in:

1. Data you may hold as a Specialist Respiratory Centre in England, for the 3 financial years up to 31st March 2020, for Quality Standard QS79 (idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis in adults; <https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/qs79>). QS79 comprises five quality statements; each statement has three quality measures against which your Trust can record information relating to your IPF service – structure, process and outcome. The structure measure has a response of either ‘Yes’ or ‘No’; the process measure response is associated with a numerator and denominator; the outcome measure; the outcome measure response is defined by the service provider.
2. Understanding the clinic capacity of your Specialist interstitial lung disease (ILD) Nurses.

Our request

1) If available, please would you be able to provide the following for each of the quality statements comprising QS79, as per Table 1:

- **‘Yes’ or ‘No’ values** for the structure quality measure. Note that quality statement 3 has two structure quality measures, denoted a) and b) in the table
- **Numerical values** for the numerators and denominators relating to the process quality measure. Note that quality statements 3 and 5 each have two process quality measures, denoted a) and b) in the table. There are 14 numerical values (7 numerators + 7 denominators)
- **The provider-defined values** for the outcome quality measure. Note that quality statement 4 has two outcome quality measures, denoted a) and b) in the table

Please would you be able to provide this information for each of the last 3 financial years up to 31st March 2020 (1st April 2017 to 31st March 2018; 1st April 2018 to 31st March 2019; 1st April 2019 to 31st March 2020). I understand that, as a service provider, you can complete a ‘Quality standard service improvement template’ for each Quality Standard (<https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/qs79/resources/quality-standard-service-improvement-template-excel-2297715949>) and I would be happy to receive the original completed templates for these 3 financial years to minimise any administration burden.

Table 1: Structure, process and outcome quality measures for quality statements in Quality Standard QS79 (note that the descriptors provided for the quality statements, quality measures, numerators and denominators in the table are taken verbatim from the quality standard overview on the NICE website)

Quality statement	Structure quality measure	Process quality measure			Outcome quality measure
		Descriptor	Numerator	Denominator	
1: Diagnosis of idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis	Evidence of local arrangements to ensure the availability of a multidisciplinary team with expertise in interstitial lung disease to diagnose idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis	Proportion of people diagnosed with idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis by a multidisciplinary team with expertise in interstitial lung disease	The number in the denominator whose condition was diagnosed with the consensus of a multidisciplinary team with expertise in interstitial lung disease	The number of people diagnosed with idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis	N/A
2: Access to a specialist nurse	Evidence of local arrangements to ensure that an interstitial lung disease specialist nurse is available to people with idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis at all stages of the care pathway	Proportion of people with idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis with an allocated interstitial lung disease specialist nurse	The number in the denominator with an allocated interstitial lung disease specialist nurse	The number of people with idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis	Satisfaction of people with idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis, and their families and carers, with the support they receive
3: Assessment for oxygen therapy	a) Evidence of local arrangements to ensure that people with idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis have an assessment for home and ambulatory oxygen	a) Proportion of idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis follow-up appointments at which an assessment for home and ambulatory oxygen therapy was	The number in the denominator at which assessment for home and ambulatory oxygen therapy was carried out	The number of follow-up appointments for people with idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis	Quality of life and wellbeing of people with idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis

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	therapy considered at each follow-up appointment	made			
	b) Evidence of local arrangements to ensure that people with idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis are assessed for home and ambulatory oxygen therapy before discharge if they have been admitted to hospital because of an exacerbation of the disease	b) Proportion of hospital stays because of an exacerbation of idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis during which an assessment for home and ambulatory oxygen therapy was made	The number in the denominator during which an assessment for home and ambulatory oxygen therapy was carried out before discharge	The number of hospital stays because of an exacerbation of idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis	
4: Pulmonary rehabilitation	Evidence of local arrangements to ensure that pulmonary rehabilitation programmes are tailored to the needs of people with idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis	Proportion of people with idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis who are offered pulmonary rehabilitation tailored to idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis	The number in the denominator whose pulmonary rehabilitation is tailored to idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis	The number of people with idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis who start pulmonary rehabilitation	a) Quality of life and wellbeing of people with idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis
					b) Hospital admissions, inpatient hospital days and readmissions for people with idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis
5: Palliative care	Evidence of local	a) Proportion of	The number in the	The number of	Satisfaction of people

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	arrangements to ensure that people with idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis and their families and carers have access to services that meet their palliative care needs	follow-up appointments for people with idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis with a recorded (including the needs of families and carers, if appropriate) assessment of their current palliative care needs	denominator at which the current palliative care needs (including the needs of families and carers, if appropriate) have been assessed	follow-up appointments for people with idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis	with idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis, and their families and carers, with the support they receive to manage their condition
		b) Proportion of people with idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis whose current recorded palliative care needs (including the needs of families and carers, if appropriate) are met	The number in the denominator whose current palliative care needs (including the needs of families and carers, if appropriate) are met	The number of people with idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis whose palliative care needs have been assessed	

Where data or completed quality standard templates are not available, please would you be able to indicate if this is because you do not routinely complete the templates (a reason for this would be much appreciated).

2) Please would you be able to inform us of the number of full-time equivalent (FTEs) for ILD Specialist Nurse's in your ILD clinic.

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If our request is too wide or unclear, I would be grateful if you could contact me to provide clarity. If any of this information is already in the public domain, please can you direct me to it, with page references and URLs if necessary.

I understand that you are required to respond to my request within the 20 working days after you receive this letter. I would be grateful if you could confirm in writing that you have received this request.

I look forward to hearing from you and would like to thank you in advance for your time.

Yours faithfully

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