



Ref: FOIA Reference 2022/23-711

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Email foi@uhn.nhs.uk

Dear

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 8th March 2023 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding Migraine

As of 1st November 2014 University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust (UHNM) manages two hospital sites – Royal Stoke University Hospital, and County Hospital (Stafford). Therefore the response below is for the two sites combined from that date where appropriate.

Q1 I am writing to you on behalf of The Migraine Trust to request the following information about migraine care under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

We are asking NHS Trusts about the care they offer for people experiencing migraine, as well as plans and training around this, in order to inform our campaigning and understanding of this issue, and a response from Mid Cheshire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust (letter enclosed) suggested we contact University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust. The attached Excel spreadsheet includes the questions and space for your response. I have also included the questions below but would be grateful if you could respond in the Excel template.

Section 1: Commissioning and care planning

1. (a) Within the past year, have you reviewed or found opportunities for improvement in pathways and care for headache and migraine?

1. (b) (i) If yes, what did this review find?

1. (b) (ii) If no, what has prevented this so far?

1. (c) Do you have any plans to implement the findings of the optimum clinical pathway for adults for Headache & facial pain published by the National Neurosciences Advisory Group (NNAG) in February 2023?

2. (a) Have you reviewed the migraine needs of your local population (e.g. numbers of people living with migraine who are diagnosed and not yet diagnosed) and planned services to meet these needs (e.g. by offering opportunities for training in migraine management to GPs, as well as adequate access to secondary and tertiary specialists)?

2. (b) If not, are there plans to do so?

Section 2: Specialist headache clinics

3. (a) Do you have a specialist headache clinic in your Trust?
 3. (b) (i) If yes, please give details.
 3. (b) (ii) If no, please give details of the clinic you would refer out to.
 4. (a) How many people did you support through your specialist headache clinics in 2021?
 4. (b) How many people did you support through your specialist headache clinics in 2022?
 5. What is the average waiting time from GP referral to first appointment at the specialist headache clinics in your Trust (current or for when you last had data)?
 6. How many full time equivalent (FTE) headache specialist doctors are employed by your Trust (in secondary care or GPs with an extended role)?
 7. How many FTE headache specialist nurses are employed by your Trust?
 8. (a) Do you have plans in 2023/24 to increase headache specialist services?
 8. (b) If yes, please give details.
- Section 3: Access to Calcitonin Gene-Related Peptide (CGRP) medication**
9. (a) Can eligible patients currently access Calcitonin Gene-Related Peptide (CGRP) medications through your Board/Trust area?
 9. (b) (i) If yes, how many people are accessing CGRP medication through your Board/Trust area
 9. (b) (ii) If yes, which of the following CGRP medications can they access: Ajovy/fremanezumab, Emgality/galcanezumab, Vyepti/eptinezumab, or Aimovig/erenumab.
 9. (b) (iii) If yes, what is the current waiting time to access a prescribing specialist?
 9. (b) (iv) If yes, is the administration of CGRP treatments monitored by a headache specialist?
 9. (b) (v) If yes, is the administration of CGRP treatments subject to any additional restrictions or criteria?
 9. (c) If no, do you refer and fund it out of area? Please give details.
- Section 4: Training**
10. (a) Do you have any education or training programmes with GPs or pharmacists in your area on migraine? (E.g. regarding GP/pharmacy education, patient management in the community, patient information or referral pathways)
 10. (b) If yes, or if any are planned, please give details.
 10. (c) If no, please explain any reasons (e.g. budgets / other priorities / other organisations' responsibility)
- Section 5: Inequalities**
11. (a) Are you aware of local inequalities of access to headache specialist services amongst any groups (e.g. by gender, ethnicity, disability, socio-economic groups)?
 11. (b) If yes, please give details of the inequalities and any work you are doing or planning to address this.

A1 I can confirm that the Trust holds information regarding this request, but feel some of this information is exempt under section 21: *information reasonably accessible by other means*. This is because the information is available via the Trust's public website at the following link:

<http://www.uhnm.nhs.uk/about-us/regulatory-information/freedom-of-information-publication-scheme/freedom-of-information-disclosure-log/> 189-2122 June

Refer to the attached spread sheet that you supplied

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This letter confirms the completion of this request. A log of this request and a copy of this letter will be held by the Trust.

If you have any queries related to the response provided please in the first instance contact my office.

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The Information Commissioner may be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF or via www.ico.org.uk.

If following review of the responses I can be of any further assistance please contact my secretary on 01782 671612.

Yours,





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