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Re: Freedom of Information Request

Thank you for your request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 which was received by the Corporate Affairs Team on the 15th March 2017.

You Asked for:

CCG Neurological FOI Questions

Whilst we understand that some of the questions may not be answerable due to the way that the data concerned is held and the time it might take to collate the data, for questions 2, 3, 4 and 8 we believe that there is no reason why the CCG would not be able to answer the questions.

1. As of 1st February 2017 or the latest known date, how many residents in your CCG area have one of the following neurological conditions, as specified? If possible, please break this information down by age. If not possible, please provide the total for each condition.

If, due to the Data Protection Act, completing the table would prejudice the data protection rights of any individual, please ignore the breakdown by age and include only the total for each neurological condition.

	Parkinson's disease	Multiple sclerosis (MS)	Motor neurone disease (MND)	Huntington's disease	Acquired traumatic brain injury	Date to which this data applies
0 – 17 years						
18 - 24 years						
25 - 34 years						
35 - 44 years						
45 - 54 years						
55 - 64 years						
65 – 74 years						

75 – 84 years						
85 years +						
Total						

NHS Wirral Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) have estimated that the cost of complying with this request would exceed the appropriate limit under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000. The Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004 set the appropriate limit at £450 for public authorities such as the CCG. The Regulations provide that the time spent on such activities should be calculated at the flat rate of £25 per person, per hour. The appropriate limit is therefore equivalent to 18 hours work.

In estimating the cost of complying with a request the public authority can take into account the cost of determining whether information is held and locating, retrieving and extracting the information requested. The estimated cost of dealing with requests which relate to the same or similar information can be aggregated together when estimating whether the appropriate limit would be exceeded.

We have been advised by our Business Intelligence Department that the above request for information would need to be carried out by contacting 53 GP Practices and therefore, to locate, retrieve and extract the information requested, this would exceed the appropriate limit of 18 hours work

2. What services are provided/commissioned by the CCG for individuals with the neurological conditions specified in this FOIA request in the CCG area? How many people were accessing these services on 2nd January 2017? If it is not possible to state figures for this date, please use the latest date known and state what date this is.

For this question, if you could answer whether a service is available with a ‘Yes’ a ‘No’ or a ‘do not know’. Please do not leave any blanks in the first column.

Service	Available (yes/no/do not know)	Number of people accessing (if known)	Date to which this data applies	Any additional information
Specialist nurse (neuroscience or neurology specialist nurse or specialist nurse for specific neurological condition)	Yes			
Neurologist	Yes			

Specialist residential neurological centre ¹ in CCG area	No			
Specialist residential neurological centre outside CCG area	Yes			
Non-specialist residential care e.g. older people's nursing home or care home	This is via the Local Authority			
Specialist residential respite care	This is via the Local Authority			
Specialist day respite care	This is via the Local Authority			
Specialist domiciliary care for people with neurological conditions	This is via the Local Authority			
Specialist maintenance or short term rehabilitation for people with neurological conditions	Yes			
Specialist slow stream rehabilitation for people with neurological conditions ('step-up step-down')	No			
Post-acute rehabilitation.	Yes			

¹ A specialist residential neurological centre provides specialised care and rehabilitation exclusively for people with neurological conditions; is likely to have a physiotherapist and/or members of a multi-disciplinary team on site, or otherwise contracted in; may have the ability to cater for those with challenging behaviours; is registered as a care home or care home with nursing; has service users that are often long term

Community rehab team	Yes			
Specialist post-acute or post-diagnosis self management/self care for people with neurological conditions	No			
Assistive technology – daily living	Yes			
Assistive technology – communication	Yes			
Specialist physiotherapy	Yes			
Specialist occupational therapy	Yes			
Neuropsychological support	Yes			
Neuropsychiatric support	Yes			
Early point of diagnosis wellbeing advice and information	Yes			
Other (please define)	Do not know			
Total	Do not know			

3a. If someone who resides in your CCG area has a neurological condition as specified in this FOIA request, is there a single service or individual that is responsible for coordinating their care across health and social care services? (Please tick one box).

Yes - there is a specific individual or service that provides coordination	No - there are multiple coordination services in the CCG area, not a single one	No - there is no such service in the CCG area	Don't know
		✓	

If "Yes" please proceed to 3b.

If "No" or "Don't know" please proceed to question 4.

3b. Please tick **one** box below to show which individual service in your CCG area provides coordination of people's care across health and social care. (If there are multiple services that provide such coordination, please tick "No - there are multiple coordination services in the CCG area, not a single one" above and then proceed to question 4.)

Service/professional	Provides coordination in our CCG
Neuroscience or neurological specialist nurse	
Neurological condition-specific specialist nurse	
Neurologist	
District Nurse	
GP	✓
A neuro navigator or navigation service	
Social worker/care manager	
Other - please specify	

4a. Does your CCG specifically commission multidisciplinary teams (MDT) to manage neurological conditions? (Please tick **one** box)

Yes - our CCG specifically commissions MDTs to manage neurological conditions	No - our CCG does not specifically commission MDTs to manage neurological conditions
Please see below:	

NHS Wirral Clinical Commissioning Group does not commission multidisciplinary teams. However, there is a commissioned Parkinson's service provided by Wirral Community NHS Foundation Trust. I would advise for you to contact the provider organisation, Wirral Community NHS Foundation Trust, directly to request this information. I have provided their details below for your convenience:

FOI@wirralct.nhs.uk

4b. Please specify which neurological conditions the MDT(s) you commission work with. (Please tick all that apply).

	Parkinson's disease	Multiple sclerosis (MS)	Motor neurone disease (MND)	Huntington's disease	Acquired traumatic brain injury
We commission an MDT that works with individuals with this condition	✓				

Please go to 4c.

4c. Which professionals are included in MDTs in your area? (Please tick all that apply). (If you have different groups of professionals included in different MDTs in your CCG, please tick for any professionals that are included in any MDTs in your area.)

Service/professional	Included in MDTs in our CCG area
Neurologist	
Dietitian	
Respiratory physiologist or a healthcare professional who can assess respiratory function	
Physiotherapist	
Occupational therapy	
Specialist nurse (neuroscience or neurology specialist nurse or specialist nurse for specific neurological condition)	
Speech and language therapist (SALT)	
Psychological support	
Psychiatric support	
Other - please specify	

This information is held by Wirral Community NHS Foundation Trust. I would advise for you to contact them direct:

FOI@wirralct.nhs.uk

5. How many residents with one of the neurological conditions specified in this FOIA request in your CCG area are in an older people's nursing or care home (i.e., not a specialist residential neurological centre for people as defined in question 2) broken down by age group, as of 2nd January 2017? If it is not possible to provide figures for this date, please use the most recent date known and state what this date is.

Age of person with neurological condition	Number of people with neurological conditions in older people's nursing or care homes	Date to which this data applies
0 – 17 years		
18 - 24 years		
25 - 34 years		
35 - 44 years		
45 - 54 years		
55 - 64 years		
65 – 74 years		
75 – 84 years		
85 years +		
Total		

Unfortunately we are unable to provide this information.

6. As of 2nd January 2017, how many individuals with a neurological condition as specified by this FOIA request from your CCG were you paying for to be placed in a residential setting in an “out of area placement” in a non-neighbouring CCG? (i.e. a CCG that is not your own and is also not an adjacent CCG to your own.)

	Parkinson's disease	Multiple sclerosis (MS)	Motor neurone disease (MND)	Huntington's disease	Acquired traumatic brain Injury

Number currently placed in a residential setting in an 'out of area placement' in a non-neighbouring CCG					
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7. As of 2nd January 2017, how many people with one of the neurological conditions specified in this FOIA request in your CCG area are supported by a personal health budget?

	Parkinson's disease	Multiple sclerosis (MS)	Motor neurone disease (MND)	Huntington's disease	Acquired traumatic brain Injury
Number being supported on a personal health budget					

With regards to questions 6 and 7, unfortunately, NHS Wirral Clinical Commissioning Group is unable to provide this information. I would advise for you to liaise with Wirral Local Authority direct. I have included the email address below for the records manager your convenience.

informationmanager@wirral.gov.uk

8. Do you have a local outcome framework for any of the following neurological conditions?
(Please tick all that apply)

Parkinson's disease	Multiple sclerosis (MS)	Motor neurone disease (MND)	Huntington's disease	Acquired traumatic brain Injury	We have a local outcome framework that covers neurological conditions in general	We do not have a local outcome framework for any of the listed neurological conditions

NHS Wirral Clinical Commissioning Group does not have a local outcome framework in place.

Any additional comments

Not applicable.

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