

Freedom of Information Request	FOI 21-217	16 <sup>th</sup> June 2021
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**1. (a) Do you have a specialist headache clinic in your Trust?**

No

**(b) (i) If yes, please give details.**

**(ii) If no, please give details of the clinic you would refer out to.**

General Neurology

**2. How many people did you support through your specialist headache clinics:**

**(a) in 2019?**

The Health Board does not currently record information on how many patients are referred to General Neurology and would have to review every patient record to determine this. Therefore in order to comply with your request the Health Board has established that this would exceed the appropriate costs limit under Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 which is currently £450. As you will be aware this is not an exemption which requires us to consider the application of the public interest test. We have calculated that it would take in excess of 18 hours to review the record of each patient.

**(b) in 2020?**

Please refer to question 2a.

**3. 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)?**

Please refer to question 2a.

**4. (a) Has Covid-19 affected the services provided by your specialist headache clinic(s)? (E.g. staff redeployment, virtual services rather than face to face, anything else)**

Not applicable

**(b) If yes, please give details.**

Not applicable

**5. How many full time equivalent (FTE) headache specialist doctors are employed by your Trust (in secondary care or GPs with an extended role)?**

The Health Board does not have a FTE headache specialist doctor. However, 4 consultants engage in headache work

**6. How many FTE headache specialist nurses are employed by your Trust?**

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7. (a) **Do you have plans in 2021/22 to increase headache specialist services?**  
Yes
- (b) **If yes, please give details.**  
The Health Board is currently reviewing provisions and recruitment.
8. (a) **Do you have plans in 2021/22 to do additional work with GPs regarding education, community management or pathways?**  
Yes
- (b) **If yes, please give details.**  
Working with Neighbourhood Care Networks' (NCN) across primary care
- (c) **If no, please explain any reasons (e.g. budgets / other priorities/another organisations' responsibility).**  
Not applicable
9. (a) **Have you completed the Self-Assessment Questionnaire included in NHS RightCare's Headache and Migraine Toolkit within the past year?**  
No
- (b) **If yes, did this indicate that the requirements of the headache and migraine system were:**  
a. **fully met**  
b. **partially met**  
c. **not met**  
Not applicable

#### **Access to CGRP medication**

10. (a) **Can eligible patients currently access Calcitonin Gene-Related peptide (CGRP) medication through your Trust?**  
Yes
- (b) **If yes:**
- (i) **How many people are accessing CGRP medication through your Trust?**  
Less than 5
- (ii) **What is the current waiting time to access a prescribing specialist?**  
Not applicable
- (iii) **Is the administration of CGRP treatments monitored by a headache specialist?**  
Yes
- (iv) **Are both Ajovy (fremanezumab) and Emgality (galcanezumab) available to patients?**

Yes

- (c) If no, do you refer and fund it out of area? Please give details.**  
Not applicable

### **Training**

- 11. (a) Do you have any education or training programmes with GPs in your area on migraine (e.g. regarding patient management in the community, patient information or referral pathways)?**

The Health Board has migraine guidance which is available on the intranet (internal web page). Guidance is also shared widely with GPs in response to referrals and specific questions.

- (b) If yes, or if any is planned, please give details.**

It is planned that a session will be undertaken on 'headaches' at an NCN teaching day later this year.

### **Inequalities**

- 12. (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)?**

We are unaware of any inequalities.

- (b) If yes, please give details of the inequalities and any work you are doing or planning to address this.**

Not applicable.