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**Freedom of Information Act 2000 - Request for Information – NHS North East & North Cumbria Integrated Care Board (ICB)**

Thank you for your request received by North of England Commissioning Support (NECS) on 29 November 2022 for information held by NHS North East and North Cumbria Integrated Care Board (NENC ICB) under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

For information Clinical Commissioning Groups ceased to exist on 30 June 2022. Services that were previously delivered by the CCG are now being delivered by the successor organisation NHS North East and North Cumbria (ICB).

**Details of Request and Reply**

1. Does your ICB have an inter-organisational group with a responsibility for neurology? (e.g. clinical prioritisation group, clinical reference group)

*Not specifically apart from a stroke and neurosurgical clinical network.*

If no, what governance process is in place for decisions relating to neurology pathways?

*Neurology development and pathway developments will be considered alongside all other clinical priorities and any issues escalated through our quality groups.*

2. Is there a person with responsibility for migraine and headache services?

*No.*

If yes, what is their name and role?

3. What is the name and job title of the individual responsible for leading the group?

N/A.

- a) ICB lead
- b) Primary care lead
- c) Secondary care lead

4. What is the name and job title of the individual responsible for overseeing the set of inter-organisational groups across your ICB (e.g., Clinical Prioritisation Group, Clinical Reference Group)?

*Dr Neil O'Brien Executive Medical Director*

5. If an inter-organisational group with a responsibility for neurology exists, which organisations are members of this group?

N/A

- a) Acute providers
- b) Community providers
- c) Voluntary and Charity
- d) Primary care
- e) Other

6. Does your ICB have a budget specifically allocated to neurology?

*We have NHS contracts with our main FT providers who provide neurology services not a specific budget for neurology, our main provider being Newcastle Hospitals.*

If yes, what is the value of this budget?

7. What is the name of the ICB's Chief Pharmacist?

*Ewan Maule*

What is the name of the medicines management / high-cost drugs Lead?

*Ewan Maule*

8. How does your ICB make decisions around ICS budgets to determine how to invest and who is responsible for this?

*The ICB Board is responsible for making decisions on how best to deploy all ICB resources as part of implementing the ICS Strategy. The process to determine includes business cases and prioritisation based on outcomes and affordability and*

*recommendations to the Board from the Executive. Occasionally the ICB will receive ring-fenced allocations although the principle of making best use of limited resources remains.*

What is the name of the person responsible for service transformation and contracting primary care providers?

*Jacqueline Myers and her team.*

9. What forums do you have for primary and secondary care to collaborate and design services around population needs?

*Place based arrangements and ICS wide clinical forums/networks however we are reviewing our clinical leadership functions at the minute.*

10. What, if any, specific priorities do the ICB have around neurology, and migraine in particular?

*We are still working through our clinical prioritisation.*

11. Are there any examples of any Integrated Care Partnerships, Primary Care Networks or Provider Collaborations in your ICB who have focused on reviewing pathways relating to migraine and headache?

*Not that we are aware of.*

12. What governance process does the ICB have in place for reviewing clinical pathways?

Quality committee

13. What is the name and job title of the individual(s) accountable for the effectiveness of clinical pathways?

*David Purdue Chief Nurse*

14. What is the name and job title of the individual(s) accountable for the redesign of pathways?

*ICB executive team.*

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Yours sincerely

*Hilary Murphy*

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