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REQUEST & RESPONSE

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 all NHS Trusts about the care they offer for people experiencing migraine in order to inform our campaigning and understanding of this issue. 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.

If it is not possible to provide the information requested due to the information exceeding the cost of compliance limits identified in Section 12, please provide advice and assistance, under Section 16 obligations of the Act, as to how I can refine my request. If any of this information is already in the public domain, please can you provide details of where it can be found together with page reference and URLs as appropriate.

1. (a) Do you have a specialist headache clinic in your Trust?
(b) (i) If yes, please give details.
(ii) If no, please give details of the clinic you would refer out to.
2. How many people did you support through your specialist headache clinics:
(a) in 2019?
(b) In 2020?
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)?
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)
(b) If yes, please give details.

5. How many full time equivalent (FTE) headache specialist doctors are employed by your Trust (in secondary care or GPs with an extended role)?
6. How many FTE headache specialist nurses are employed by your Trust?
7. (a) Do you have plans in 2021/22 to increase headache specialist services?
(b) If yes, please give details.
8. (a) Do you have plans in 2021/22 to do additional work with GPs regarding education, community management or pathways?
(b) If yes, please give details.
(c) If no, please explain any reasons (e.g. budgets / other priorities / another organisations' responsibility).
9. (a) Have you completed the Self-Assessment Questionnaire included in NHS RightCare's [Headache and Migraine Toolkit](#) within the past year?
(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

Access to CGRP medication

10. (a) Can eligible patients currently access Calcitonin Gene-Related Peptide (CGRP) medication through your Trust?
(b) If yes:
 - (i) How many people are accessing CGRP medication through your Trust?
 - (ii) What is the current waiting time to access a prescribing specialist?
 - (iii) Is the administration of CGRP treatments monitored by a headache specialist?
 - (iv) Are both Ajovy (fremanezumab) and Emgality (galcanezumab) available to patients?
(c) If no, do you refer and fund it out of area? Please give details.

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

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

Template attached

The Trust do not have specialist headache clinic.