

23 July 2021

Our Ref: RFI 39090

Dear

**Freedom of Information Act 2000
Information in relation to Migraine Care.**

I am writing to confirm that the South Eastern Health & Social Care Trust (the Trust) has now completed its search for information relating to above which you requested on 20 May 2021.

A response to each of the questions raised has been provided by the Hospital Services Directorate and is attached in Appendix A.

If you are unhappy as to how this request has been handled, you have the right to seek a review within the Trust in the first instance. You should write to the Information Governance Department, Lough House, Ards Community Hospital (informationgovernance@setrust.hscni.net) within two months of the date of this response and your complaint will be considered and a response provided, within 20 working days of receipt.

If, after receiving a response, you remain unhappy, you can refer your complaint to the Information Commissioner at The Information Commissioner's Office –Northern Ireland, 3rd Floor, 14 Cromac Place, Belfast, BT7 2JB. It is important to note that if you refer any matter to the Information Commissioner, you will need to show evidence of having gone through the Trust's internal review procedure to try to resolve the matter with the Trust in the first instance.

If you have any queries about this letter, please do not hesitate to contact me. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

Yours sincerely

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Information Governance Assistant

- Q1. Do you have a specialist headache clinic in your Trust?
If yes, please give details.
If no, please give details of the clinic you would refer out to.**
- Q2. How many people did you support through your specialist headache clinics:**
- in 2019?
 - In 2020?
- Q3. 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)?**
- Q4. 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)
If yes, please give details.**
- Q5. How many full time equivalent (FTE) headache specialist doctors are employed by your Trust (in secondary care or GPs with an extended role)?**
- Q6. How many FTE headache specialist nurses are employed by your Trust?**
- Q7. Do you have plans in 2021/22 to increase headache specialist services?
If yes, please give details.**
- Q8. Do you have plans in 2021/22 to do additional work with GPs regarding education, community management or pathways?
If yes, please give details.
If no, please explain any reasons (e.g. budgets / other priorities / another organisations' responsibility).**
- Q9. Have you completed the Self-Assessment Questionnaire included in NHS RightCare's Headache and Migraine Toolkit within the past year?
If yes, did this indicate that the requirements of the headache and migraine system were:**
- fully met
 - partially met
 - not met

Q10. Can eligible patients currently access Calcitonin Gene-Related Peptide (CGRP) medication through your Trust?

If yes:

- ***How many people are accessing CGRP medication through your Trust?***
- ***What is the current waiting time to access a prescribing specialist?***
- ***Is the administration of CGRP treatments monitored by a headache specialist?***
- ***Are both Ajovy (fremanezumab) and Emgality (galcanezumab) available to patients?***
- ***If no, do you refer and fund it out of area? Please give details.***

Q11. 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)?

If yes, or if any is planned, please give details.

Q12. Are you aware of local inequalities of access to headache specialist services amongst any groups (e.g. by gender, ethnicity, disability, socio-economic groups)?

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

A1-12. Please see Attachment 1 – Migraines.