

Reference: FOI.ICB-2324/112

Subject: Menopause Guidelines

I can confirm that the ICB does hold some of the information requested; please see responses below:

QUESTION	RESPONSE
<p>1. Does the ICS/ICB have a menopause guideline(s)?</p> <p>a. If so, please provide the date of inception for the guideline(s) and the date of any subsequent update.</p> <p>b. The name, title and other role designation(s) of the clinical lead for the guideline(s), and any URL to where the guideline(s) can be viewed on your website.</p> <p>c. If there is guidance, when is this due to be updated/reviewed?</p>	<p>Information can be found on Remedy pages via this link. Menopause (Remedy BNSSG ICB).</p> <p>The pages were last checked on the 13-04-2023 and are scheduled for the next check on 12-04-2024.</p> <p>The BNSSG Menopause Guidelines and HRT prescribing pathway can also be found on the same Remedy page or directly via this link https://remedy.bnssg.icb.nhs.uk/media/5960/bnssg-hrt-pathway-v41.pdf</p>
<p>2. Does the ICS/ICB have any menopause pilots? (please include any pilot projects and indicate their status).</p>	<p>The ICB is not aware of any current pilots. Please contact the Acute Trusts who may hold this information:</p> <p>North Bristol Trust: foi@nbt.nhs.uk</p> <p>University Hospitals Bristol and Weston: FreedomOfInfo@uhbw.nhs.uk</p>

<p>3. Is a women's healthcare strategy a priority?</p> <p>a. If so, please identify commissioning approaches and any commissioned services (existing or planned) that support the priority(ies)</p>	<p>Our commitments to women's health are described in the Joint Forward Plan which can be found here:</p> <p>https://bnssghealthiertogether.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/BNSSG-Joint-Forward-Plan-1.pdf</p>
<p>4. Does the ICS/ICB have a women's healthcare lead?</p> <p>a. If so, who performs that role? Please state name, title and other role designation(s) 4b. If not, please indicate any intention to appoint a women's healthcare lead and any related timeframe for the appointment.</p>	<p>Joanne Medhurst, Chief Medical Officer</p>
<p>5. Does your locality have a Women's Health Hub (defined as delivering services in the community that better fit around women's lives and streamline access to women's health services https://www.gov.uk/government/news/25-million-for-womens-health-hub-expansion)?</p> <p>a. If you do not currently have a Women's Health Hub, is this within the strategy for women's services for your area?</p>	<p>Not currently. Women's Health Hubs are being led by the local authorities. The ICB has recently met with the GP leads working with the public health team at Bristol City Council who are exploring women's health hubs (as per the women's health strategy 2022).</p> <p>Please direct any questions to Bristol City Council:</p> <p>Freedom of Information (FOI) (bristol.gov.uk)</p>
<p>6. Given the government's intention to improve access to HRT for women, does the ICS/ICB have any targets around HRT usage in menopausal women?</p>	<p>We have guidelines and pathway that is eligible for all women who meet the clinical criteria. It is the intention that reviews will take place in the future to review uptake and see if uptake differs across different communities and act accordingly</p>

The information provided in this response is accurate as of 7th July 2023 and has been approved for release by Joanne Medhurst, Chief Medical Officer for NHS Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire ICB.