

Reference: FOI.ICB-2526/134

Subject: Peripheral Neuropathic Pain (PNP) Commissioned Services

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

QUESTION	RESPONSE
<p>Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (or relevant legislation in devolved nations), please provide the following information regarding services commissioned or provided by your organisation in relation to peripheral neuropathic pain (PNP), specifically:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Post-surgical neuropathic pain (PSNP) - Cancer-related neuropathic pain (CRNP) - Painful diabetic peripheral neuropathy (PDPN) <p>Please break down information by individual service, clinic, and by hospital site.</p>	
<p>1. Commissioned/Provided Services</p> <p>i. Does your organisation commission or directly provide services specifically for PNP, PSNP, CRNP and PDPN? If yes, list the providers (with address) and indicate whether they run standalone neuropathic pain services or integrated programs (e.g., neurology, chronic pain, cancer care).</p>	<p>Yes. North Bristol NHS Trust (NBT) and University Hospitals Bristol and Weston NHS Foundation Trust (UHBW).</p> <p>All information on service provision is available on the BNSSG Remedy referral pathways & Joint Formulary page: https://remedy.bnssg.icb.nhs.uk/search?q=pain</p>

<p>2. Referral Pathways & Service Specifications</p> <p>i. Are there established care pathways, referral criteria, or service specifications for these conditions?</p> <p>If yes, please supply copies or summaries. If not, clarify whether neuropathic pain falls under broader chronic pain, MSK, diabetes, or oncology pathways.</p>	<p>Yes. All information on service provision is available on the BNSSG Remedy referral pathways & Joint Formulary page: https://remedy.bnssg.icb.nhs.uk/search?q=pain</p>
<p>3. Funding & Budgets</p> <p>i. What was the total expenditure on neuropathic pain services in the most recent full financial year?</p> <p>If no specific figure is available, please provide overall pain management funding and any known distribution (e.g., primary/community vs secondary care).</p> <p>Please indicate the type of funding, e.g. tariff or block contract</p>	<p>All funding for elective care pain services is included in the block payment to the Trusts and is not identifiable in the format requested.</p>
<p>4. Planned or Recent Changes</p> <p>i. Are there current or planned changes to service commissioning/provision, structure, referral pathways, or funding for PNP, PSNP, CRNP or PDPN? For example: new service models,</p>	<p>No</p>

decommissioning, integrated pathways, or nationally/locally led initiatives	
If yes, please describe and include implementation timelines.	

The information provided in this response is accurate as of 8 August 2025 and has been approved for release by Helena Fuller, Deputy Director of Business, Strategy and Planning for NHS Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire ICB.