

Reference: FOI.ICB-2526/122

Subject: Commissioning of Mental Health Services, Spot Contracts and Out of Area Placements (HSUs/MSUs/PICUs)

I can confirm that the ICB does not hold the information requested; please see responses below:

QUESTION	RESPONSE
Under the Freedom of Information Act, I am writing to request information about adult mental health services in High Secure Units (HSUs), Medium Secure Units (MSUs), Low Secure Units (LSUs) and Psychiatric Intensive Care Units (PICUs) - specifically where these services fall under adult mental health commissioning (excluding learning disability or other specialist pathways). From what I have read, services may be commissioned under a combination of spot contracts, out-of-area (OOA) placements, and block contracts, depending on the service type and provider. I am seeking to better understand the structure of commissioning and the associated payment flows. Please provide the information separately for the financial years 2024/25 and 2025/26 (Year to Date) for the following:	
Spot Contracts (excluding OOA) Total spend (in £) on spot-priced adult mental health patients Total number of adult mental health bed days commissioned Average fee (in £) per bed day, by type (HSU, MSU, LSU, PICU) 2. OOA Contracts	BNSSG ICB does not hold this information. ICB's do not commission High Secure Units (HSUs), Medium Secure Units (MSUs) or Low Secure Units (LSUs). These are commissioned by Provider Collaboratives. We advise you to contact the South West Provider Collaborative directly for more information: https://onedevon.org.uk/contact-us/ The ICB does commission Psychiatric Intensive Care Units (PICUs), as part of a block contract with Avon and Wiltshire Mental Health Partnership NHS Trust (AWP). The ICB does not directly

• Total spend (in £) on out-of-area adult mental health patients • Total number of adult mental health bed days commissioned • Average fee (in £) per bed day per bed, day by type (HSU, MSU, LSU, PICU) 3. Block Contracts • Total value (in £) of the block contract for adult mental health services, by provider • Total adult mental health bed days commissioned under the block, by type (HSU, MSU, LSU, PICU) • Average fee (in £) per bed day under the block, by type (HSU, MSU, LSU, PICU)	commission PICU beds, including on a spot purchase basis. We advise you to contact AWP directly for further information: https://www.awp.nhs.uk/contact-us/freedom-information
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The information provided in this response is accurate as of 5 August 2025 and has been approved for release by Rosi Shepherd, Chief Nursing Officer for NHS Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire ICB.

1. Spot Contracts (excluding OOA)

Component	Type	FY2024/25	FY2025/26 YTD
Total spend on spot-priced adult mental health patients (in £)	High Secure Units (HSUs)	[Insert values here]	[Insert values here]
	Medium Secure Units (MSUs)	[Insert values here]	[Insert values here]
	Low Secure Units (LSUs)	[Insert values here]	[Insert values here]
	Psychiatric Intensive Care Units (PICUs)	[Insert values here]	[Insert values here]
	Total	[Insert values here]	[Insert values here]
Total number of adult mental health bed days commissioned (number of bed days)	High Secure Units (HSUs)	[Insert values here]	[Insert values here]
	Medium Secure Units (MSUs)	[Insert values here]	[Insert values here]
	Low Secure Units (LSUs)	[Insert values here]	[Insert values here]
	Psychiatric Intensive Care Units (PICUs)	[Insert values here]	[Insert values here]
	Total	[Insert values here]	[Insert values here]
Average fee per bed day (in £)	High Secure Units (HSUs)	[Insert values here]	[Insert values here]
	Medium Secure Units (MSUs)	[Insert values here]	[Insert values here]
	Low Secure Units (LSUs)	[Insert values here]	[Insert values here]
	Psychiatric Intensive Care Units (PICUs)	[Insert values here]	[Insert values here]
	Total	[Insert values here]	[Insert values here]

2. Out-of-area (OOA) Contracts

Component	Type	FY2024/25	FY2025/26 YTD
Total spend on out-of-area adult mental health patients (in £)	High Secure Units (HSUs)	[Insert values here]	[Insert values here]
	Medium Secure Units (MSUs)	[Insert values here]	[Insert values here]
	Low Secure Units (LSUs)	[Insert values here]	[Insert values here]
	Psychiatric Intensive Care Units (PICUs)	[Insert values here]	[Insert values here]
	Total	[Insert values here]	[Insert values here]
Total number of adult mental health bed days commissioned (number of bed days)	High Secure Units (HSUs)	[Insert values here]	[Insert values here]
	Medium Secure Units (MSUs)	[Insert values here]	[Insert values here]
	Low Secure Units (LSUs)	[Insert values here]	[Insert values here]
	Psychiatric Intensive Care Units (PICUs)	[Insert values here]	[Insert values here]
	Total	[Insert values here]	[Insert values here]
Average fee per bed day by type (in £)	High Secure Units (HSUs)	[Insert values here]	[Insert values here]
	Medium Secure Units (MSUs)	[Insert values here]	[Insert values here]
	Low Secure Units (LSUs)	[Insert values here]	[Insert values here]
	Psychiatric Intensive Care Units (PICUs)	[Insert values here]	[Insert values here]
	Total	[Insert values here]	[Insert values here]

3a. Block Contracts (High Secure Forensic Units)

Organisation X - <i>[Insert name]</i>	Total value (in £) of the block contract for adult mental health	<i>[Insert values here]</i>	<i>[Insert values here]</i>
	Total adult mental health bed days commissioned under the	<i>[Insert values here]</i>	<i>[Insert values here]</i>
	Average fee per bed day (in £)	<i>[Insert values here]</i>	<i>[Insert values here]</i>
Organisation X - <i>[Insert name]</i>	Total value (in £) of the block contract for adult mental health	<i>[Insert values here]</i>	<i>[Insert values here]</i>
	Total adult mental health bed days commissioned under the	<i>[Insert values here]</i>	<i>[Insert values here]</i>
	Average fee per bed day (in £)	<i>[Insert values here]</i>	<i>[Insert values here]</i>

3d. Block Contracts (Psychiatric Intensive Care Units (PICUs))

Component	Type	FY2024/25	FY2025/26 YTD
Organisation X - <i>[Insert name]</i>	Total value (in £) of the block contract for adult mental health	<i>[Insert values here]</i>	<i>[Insert values here]</i>
	Total adult mental health bed days commissioned under the	<i>[Insert values here]</i>	<i>[Insert values here]</i>
	Average fee per bed day (in £)	<i>[Insert values here]</i>	<i>[Insert values here]</i>
Organisation X - <i>[Insert name]</i>	Total value (in £) of the block contract for adult mental health	<i>[Insert values here]</i>	<i>[Insert values here]</i>
	Total adult mental health bed days commissioned under the	<i>[Insert values here]</i>	<i>[Insert values here]</i>
	Average fee per bed day (in £)	<i>[Insert values here]</i>	<i>[Insert values here]</i>
Organisation X - <i>[Insert name]</i>	Total value (in £) of the block contract for adult mental health	<i>[Insert values here]</i>	<i>[Insert values here]</i>
	Total adult mental health bed days commissioned under the	<i>[Insert values here]</i>	<i>[Insert values here]</i>
	Average fee per bed day (in £)	<i>[Insert values here]</i>	<i>[Insert values here]</i>
Organisation X - <i>[Insert name]</i>	Total value (in £) of the block contract for adult mental health	<i>[Insert values here]</i>	<i>[Insert values here]</i>
	Total adult mental health bed days commissioned under the	<i>[Insert values here]</i>	<i>[Insert values here]</i>
	Average fee per bed day (in £)	<i>[Insert values here]</i>	<i>[Insert values here]</i>