

Reference: FOI.ICB-2526/155

Subject: Provision of Allergy Services

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

QUESTION	RESPONSE
<p>1. How many patients with a coded diagnosis of allergic condition are being treated at primary care level from Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire ICB, data capture 1st July 2024 to 1st July 2025?</p> <p>NB: Allergic conditions include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Food allergy (including Cow's Milk, Egg, Wheat, Peanut, Tree nuts, Fish, Shellfish, Soya, Sesame) • Drug allergy • Insect venom allergy • Latex allergy • Anaphylaxis • Allergic / atopic eczema • Allergic / atopic asthma • Allergic rhinitis / hay fever • Allergic eye disease / Allergic rhino conjunctivitis 	<p>The ICB does not hold data relating to patients with a coded diagnosis of allergic condition being treated in Primary Care.</p>
<p>2. Of the patients coded above, how many patients have been referred to secondary care between 1st July 2024 to 1st July 2025?</p>	<p>The BNSSG Referral Service only receives some allergy referrals as practices tend to refer to these services directly. In this period Referral Service received 296 adult allergy referrals and 709 paediatric allergy referrals, however, we do not hold the data with more detailed information on which condition the referral was for.</p>

<p>3. Do you have access to a local dedicated allergy clinic that provides a comprehensive service for people suffering from allergic disease to go to when referred? (Yes or No answer)</p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p>4. How many specialists do you have supporting patients receiving care for allergies in Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire ICB?</p> <p>a) specialist nurses trained in allergy (Answer 0, 1-3, 4-6, 7-10, 10+)</p> <p>b) specialist dieticians trained in allergy (Answer 0, 1-3, 4-6, 7-10, 10+)</p> <p>c) GPs with a special interest in allergy (coded GPwsi or GPwER) (Answer 0, 1-3, 4-6, 7-10, 10+)</p>	<p>a) The ICB does not hold this information. We advise you to contact the providers who may hold this:</p> <p>Sirona care and health CiC - Sirona.hello@nhs.net</p> <p>North Bristol NHS Trust (NBT) - https://www.nbt.nhs.uk/about-us/information-governance/freedom-information/request-information</p> <p>University Hospitals Bristol and Weston NHS Foundation Trust (UHBW) - https://www.uhbw.nhs.uk/p/how-we-use-your-data/freedom-of-information-foi-requests</p> <p>b) As above</p> <p>c) There is not a dedicated commissioned GPwER (GP with an extended role) service, and the requester would need to contact GP practices directly.</p>
<p>5. How many patients have been prescribed an adrenaline autoinjector within your ICB?</p>	<p>The ICB does not hold data on all prescriptions issued, only those dispensed in a primary care setting. See Medicines Dispensed in Primary Care (NHSBSA Data) - NHS England Digital for more detail about the data used.</p> <p>In primary care medicines data held by the ICB for the period 01/07/2024 to 31/05/2025 (latest held), 1070 patients had a</p>

	<p>prescription dispensed for an adrenaline auto injector. This represents a count of distinct patients, not prescriptions dispensed. (code source: OpenCodelists: Adrenaline auto-injectors).</p>
<p>6. How many patients have been prescribed extensively hydrolysed formula (EHF) (number) or amino acid formula AAF) (number) within your ICB?</p>	<p>The ICB does not hold data on all prescriptions issued, only those dispensed in a primary care setting. See Medicines Dispensed in Primary Care (NHSBSA Data) - NHS England Digital for more detail about the data used.</p> <p>In primary care medicines data held by the ICB for the period 01/07/2024 to 31/05/2025 (latest held), 1070 patients had a prescription dispensed for EHF. This represents a count of distinct patients, not prescriptions dispensed.</p> <p>In primary care prescribing data held by the ICB for the period 01/07/2024 to 31/05/2025 (latest held), 162 patients had a prescription dispensed for AAF. This represents a count of distinct patients, not prescriptions dispensed.</p> <p>Code source: Prescribing of Amino Acid Formula (AAF) and Extensively Hydrolysed Formula (EHF)) OpenPrescribing</p>

The information provided in this response is accurate as of 28 August 2025 and has been approved for release by Dr Joanne Medhurst, Chief Medical Officer for NHS Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire ICB.