

Reference: FOI.ICB-2526/058

Subject: Children's Community Bowel and Bladder Service

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

QUESTION	RESPONSE
<p>1. Does your ICB currently commission a dedicated community bowel and bladder (continence) service for children and young people?</p> <p>If yes, please provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. The name of the service and which Trust or provider is commissioned to provide this service ii. The age range covered iii. Whether the service includes Tier 1, Tier 2 and Tier 3 continence care iv. The date the service was first commissioned v. The referral pathway for children to access any continence services <p>If no:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Are there any plans to commission such a service? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. The BNSSG ICB (Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire) Children's Bladder and Bowel service is delivered by Sirona care and health CiC through the Children's Community Health Partnership (CCHP) contract. Children's Bladder and Bowel Service – Children and Young People's Services ii. The service is for 0-18yrs. iii. The service includes Tier 1 and Tier 2 iv. The CCHP contract commenced 1 April 2017. v. Details can be found on our REMEDY page: BNSSG referral pathways & Joint Formulary; Bladder Symptoms in Children (Remedy BNSSG ICB)

<p>ii. How are children with continence needs currently supported in your ICB area?</p>	
<p>2. Does your ICB collect or hold data on children presenting with bowel and bladder issues (e.g. constipation, urinary retention, faecal incontinence) in A&E or primary care settings?</p> <p>If so:</p> <p>i. How is this data coded and classified?</p>	<p>Data related to presenting complaint at A&E is held by the ICB. This forms part of the Emergency Care Data Set (ECDS) which is a national commissioning data set supplied by NHS England. The current coding classification in use is SNOMED. Further details of SNOMED and how conditions are coded is available via NHSDigital SNOMED CT Browser; information relating to ECDS, including data item definition is available here: Emergency Care Data Set (ECDS) - NHS England Digital. If further information about coding applied to the data is required, it is recommended that requests are submitted to the Hospitals in our area with an A&E department:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UHBW (University Hospitals Bristol and Weston NHS Foundation Trust): https://www.uhbw.nhs.uk/p/how-we-use-your-data/freedom-of-information-foi-requests • NBT (North Bristol NHS Trust): https://www.nbt.nhs.uk/about-us/information-governance/freedom-information
<p>3. Are children who present to A&E with abdominal pain or constipation routinely referred to a community continence service? If so, which service?</p>	<p>Please refer to response to question 1.</p>

<p>4. Does your ICB hold data on the number of children accessing continence support services in the past three years (e.g. referrals, community appointments, home care)? If so, please provide figures.</p>	<p>Data held, indicates the following number of referrals to continence services for distinct patients aged <18 were made in the three-year period prior to 01/06/2025:</p> <p>2022: 8 (partial year) 2023: 28 2024: 34 2025: 11 (partial year)</p> <p>This only includes records where a valid NHS number was present and age at referral date was <18.</p> <p>Of these referrals, where data was held, to date this resulted in the following care contacts with the patient, or a patient proxy.</p> <p>142 telephone contacts, 15 face-to-face communications, 7 emails</p>
<p>5. Has your ICB carried out a local needs assessment or gap analysis relating to children's continence care in the past five years? If yes, please provide a copy or summary.</p>	<p>BNSSG ICB has not conducted a local needs assessment or gap analysis in the last 5 years.</p>

The information provided in this response is accurate as of 10 June 2025 and has been approved for release by Sarah Truelove, Deputy Chief Executive and Chief Finance Officer for NHS Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire ICB.