

Reference: FOI.ICB-2526/268

Subject: SIH Guidelines and Neurology Service Providers

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

| QUESTION | RESPONSE |
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| <p>1. Adoption and Oversight of Guidelines</p> <p>a. Has the ICB taken steps to ensure that commissioned neurology providers are aware of and follow the 2023 SIH consensus guideline?</p> <p>b. Does the ICB hold any information on compliance or monitoring of adherence to this guideline by its providers?</p> | <p>No, the ICB does not hold this information.</p> |
| <p>2. Commissioned Neurology Services</p> <p>a. Please provide a list of all NHS provider Trusts or organisations within your ICB footprint that deliver adult neurology services, including specialist neuroscience centres if applicable.</p> <p>If possible, please confirm whether each of these providers offers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MRI brain with contrast and spine MRI for suspected SIH. • Non-targeted epidural blood patches (EBP). • Access/referral to specialist services for myelography, targeted patching, surgery, or endovascular treatment. | <p>North Bristol NHS Trust (NBT) provides a range of Neurology Services including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Neuro Surgery – Elective / non elective / outpatients • Neurology - Elective / non elective / outpatients • Clinical Neurophysiology – outpatients <p>NHS England commission a range of specialised neurology services, they will need to be contacted directly for further information: https://www.england.nhs.uk/contact-us/foi/</p> |

3. Information Held by Providers

If the ICB does not hold some of the requested information, please confirm which provider(s) hold this information.

We advise you to contact NBT and NHS England who may hold further information.

NBT: <https://www.nbt.nhs.uk/about-us/information-governance/freedom-information/request-information>

NHS England: england.contactus@nhs.net

The information provided in this response is accurate as of 2 December 2025 and has been approved for release by David Jarrett, Chief Delivery Officer for NHS Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire ICB.