

Reference: FOI.ICB-2526/297

Subject: Functional Neurological Disorder (FND) Services and Referral Pathways

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

QUESTION	RESPONSE
<p>1. Current FND Services in Your Area</p> <p>a. Do you commission any specialist services for FND (neurology, neuro-physiotherapy, neuro-rehabilitation, neuropsychiatry/psychology, MDT clinics, etc.)?</p> <p>b. Please list the relevant services and locations.</p>	<p>a. There are specialist FND (Functional Neurological Disorder) services provided in BNSSG (Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire).</p> <p>b. Functional neurological services are part of Neuropsychiatry at North Bristol NHS Trust (NBT). The team in the neuropsychiatry service are a mix of professionals from different disciplines including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Doctors in psychiatry and neurology. • Nurse therapists trained in physical and mental health. • Psychological therapy. • Physiotherapy. • Occupational therapy. <p>The service is provided at: Rosa Burden Centre for Neuropsychiatry Southmead Hospital Southmead Road Bristol BS10 5NB</p>

<p>2. Referral Process</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. How can patients be referred into these services? b. Are referrals accepted from GP's directly, or via neurology only? c. Are there specific referral criteria or exclusion criteria? d. Do services accept referrals from outside the immediate locality? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Details for referral are available here Neuropsychiatry (Remedy BNSSG ICB) and here Functional Neurological Symptoms Referral North Bristol NHS Trust. Currently GP referrals are via eRS - the electronic referrals system – and referrals from secondary care or other providers, are via a referral letter. b. and d. The Neuropsychiatry service accepts referrals from GPs, neurologists and psychiatrists. The service is a specialised, tertiary service and will accept referrals from across England. Referrals from outside of England require funding arrangements prior to acceptance. c. Referral criteria / eligibility criteria are described in full here Neuropsychiatry - For Clinicians North Bristol NHS Trust and includes: <i>“Diagnosis of functional neurological disorder, or neurological or memory complaints thought to have psychological or psychiatric causation following local secondary assessment”</i>.
<p>3. Gaps or Partial Provision</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. If FND services are limited or not currently commissioned, how should patients in your area access appropriate assessment and treatment? b. Are there alternative pathways, interim arrangements, or cross-ICB agreements in place? c. Are you aware of any planned service improvements or commissioning work relating to FND? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. N/A – FND services are available to local patients and as a tertiary service provides for a population outside of the local ICB footprint. b. All pathway options are described here Neuropsychiatry (Remedy BNSSG ICB). As noted above, as a tertiary provider, patients from across various ICB footprints are referred into the service. c. The FND service is already commissioned. The ICB is not aware of any service development or improvement plans, we advise you to contact the Trust (NBT) directly to ask whether they are planning any activity around service improvements; FOIArequests@nbt.nhs.uk

The information provided in this response is accurate as of 8 December 2025 and has been approved for release by David Jarrett, Chief Delivery Officer for NHS Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire ICB.