

Reference: FOI.ICB-2526/337

Subject: Commissioning Strategy for Learning Disability Services

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

QUESTION	RESPONSE
<p>I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 regarding your commissioning arrangements for services supporting adults with learning disabilities within supported living and residential care home settings.</p> <p>Please provide information in relation to the following:</p>	
<p>Commissioning Frameworks</p> <p>Does your ICB commission learning disability supported living and/or residential care services through a framework?</p> <p>If yes, is this framework:</p> <p>a. Managed directly by the ICB, or</p> <p>b. Operated by a local authority or another commissioning body?</p> <p>Please provide the name of the framework(s) and relevant details, where applicable.</p>	<p>The ICB commissions care for individuals in Bristol and South Gloucestershire via our in-house brokerage team. The ICB does not operate a framework arrangement for this process.</p> <p>For individuals in North Somerset care is commissioned via North Somerset Council's (NSC) brokerage team on behalf of the ICB. Please contact NSC directly for details of their care frameworks: https://www.n-somerset.gov.uk/council-democracy/data-protection-freedom-information/freedom-information/about-freedom-information-foi</p>
<p>Direct Commissioning</p> <p>Does your ICB directly commission providers of supported living and/or residential care for people with learning disabilities outside of any framework arrangements?</p>	<p>Yes, as above, for individuals in Bristol and South Gloucestershire care is commissioned directly via our in-house brokerage team.</p> <p>Care providers identified by the ICB's brokerage team as suitable for consideration of taking on a care package are sent anonymised</p>

If yes, please outline how this commissioning is undertaken.	information on an individual case basis to review and consider expressing an interest.
<p>Preferred Provider Lists</p> <p>Does your ICB operate a preferred provider list for learning disability supported living and/or residential care services?</p> <p>If so, please explain how providers are selected and managed.</p>	<p>The ICB does operate a specific approved provider list, but potential packages are only offered to providers that have been through the brokerage team's accreditation process and signed the ICB's care provider NHS contract.</p>
<p>Application or Onboarding Process</p> <p>Is there an application, tender, or onboarding process for new providers wishing to deliver supported living or residential care services for people with learning disabilities?</p> <p>If yes, please provide details of how and when providers can apply.</p>	<p>New providers are encouraged in the first instance to contact the brokerage teams if they wish to express and interest in providing specific services.</p> <p>Contact details are included below.</p>
<p>Commissioning Contacts</p> <p>Please provide the job title(s), team name(s), and contact details (email address or generic inbox) of the appropriate commissioning contact(s) responsible for learning disability supported living and residential care services, for the purpose of liaison regarding service provision requirements.</p>	<p>BNSSG ICB Brokerage Team: bnssg.brokerage@nhs.net</p> <p>North Somerset Council Brokerage Team: brokerage.team@n-somerset.gov.uk</p>

The information provided in this response is accurate as of 23 December 2025 and has been approved for release by Denise Moorhouse, Director of Nursing/Deputy Chief Nurse for NHS Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire ICB.