

Reference: FOI.ICB-2526/396

Subject: Use of Advanced Practitioners in Primary Care

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

QUESTION	RESPONSE												
<p>I'd be grateful if you could provide me with the following information relating to advanced practitioners. Advanced practitioners refers to any clinician with 'advanced' in their title, including but not exclusive to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Advanced clinical practitioner -Advanced nursing practitioner 													
<p>1.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Please provide the total number of advanced practitioners employed in primary care within the ICB for each of the years 2021 to 2025. b) If possible, please specify whether employment was through Primary Care Networks (PCNs), Federations, or individual practices. c) Please could you specify whether the role was funded by the ARRS scheme. 	<p>a) Advanced practitioners employed in the ICB between 2021 -2025</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="1126 831 1534 1093"> <thead> <tr> <th>Year</th> <th>FTE Total</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>2021</td> <td>80</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2022</td> <td>108</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2023</td> <td>127</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2024</td> <td>134</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2025</td> <td>124</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> b) Employment is at both practice and PCN level c) This information cannot be determined from the workforce level data presented above however the PCN roles are usually ARRS funded. Please contact the practices and PCN's directly for this information. 	Year	FTE Total	2021	80	2022	108	2023	127	2024	134	2025	124
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<p>2.</p> <p>a) Please provide the total number of sessions undertaken by advanced practitioners employed in Primary Care within the ICB for each of the years 2021 to 2025.</p> <p>b) If possible, please could you specify whether the session was funded by the ARRS scheme, and provide break down to identify advance practitioners working in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Registered GP practice in core hours. ii. Out-of-hours service outside of core hours. iii. Walk-in centre. 	<p>Information is not held by the ICB, please contact the practices and PCN's directly for this information.</p>
<p>3.</p> <p>a) Please could you provide the salary range for advanced practitioners employed in Primary Care within the ICB for each of the years 2021 to 2025.</p> <p>b) If possible, please could you specify salary range for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. ARRS-funded Advanced Practitioners. ii. Advanced Practitioners not funded through ARRS scheme. 	<p>Information is not held by the ICB, please contact the practices and PCN's directly for this information.</p>
<p>4.</p> <p>a) Please could you provide the total salary expenditure for advanced practitioners employed in Primary Care within the ICB for each of the years 2021 to 2025.</p> <p>b) If possible, please could you specify total salary expenditure for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. ARRS-funded Advanced Practitioners. ii. Advanced Practitioners not funded through ARRS scheme 	<p>Please refer to enclosed finance appendix for confirmation of funding for respective financial years.</p> <p>Please note: the ICB does not hold the information requested for the years prior to 2023/24.</p> <p>Information relating to Advanced Practitioners not funded through ARRS scheme (ii) is held by the PCN's and practices. Please contact the practices and PCN's directly for this information.</p>

<p>5.</p> <p>a) Please could you provide the total number of hours worked by advanced practitioners employed in Primary Care within the ICB for each of the years 2021 to 2025.</p> <p>b) If possible, please could you specify total number of hours worked for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. ARRS-funded Advanced Practitioners ii. Advanced Practitioners not funded through ARRS scheme. 	<p>a) The total number of hours worked by Advanced Practitioners between the years 2021 to 2025</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="1041 375 1601 662"> <thead> <tr> <th>Year</th> <th>Total number of hours worked for each year</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>2021</td> <td>3,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2022</td> <td>4,060.3</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2023</td> <td>4,765.3</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2024</td> <td>5,014</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2025</td> <td>4,662.9</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>b) i. Please refer to enclosed finance appendix for confirmation of the total number of hours worked for ARRS funded Advanced practitioners Please note: the ICB does not hold the information requested for the years prior to 2023/24.</p> <p>c) ii. Information is not held by the ICB, please contact the practices and PCN's directly for this information.</p>	Year	Total number of hours worked for each year	2021	3,000	2022	4,060.3	2023	4,765.3	2024	5,014	2025	4,662.9
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<p>6.</p> <p>a) Please could you provide us with any existing documentation which describes the job duties and responsibilities of advanced practitioners employed in Primary Care within the ICB. If possible, please could you specify if there are any differences in duties and responsibilities between ARRS-funded and non ARRS-funded roles.</p> <p>b) If not covered in existing documentation, please confirm whether advanced practitioners employed in Primary Care within the ICB;</p>	<p>Information is not held by the ICB, please contact the practices and PCN's directly for this information.</p>												

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Make referrals to other specialties. ii. Cover 'on call' duties. iii. Work without immediate access to onsite clinical cover from a post-CCT General Practitioner. iv. Supervise GP trainees and/or medical students. v. Provide teaching to GP trainees and/or medical students. 	
<p>7.</p> <p>Within your ICB, please could you tell us:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) if advanced practitioners employed in Primary Care are ever deployed on medical rotas or cover work typically carried out by General Practitioners. b) if advanced practitioners are permitted to cover General Practitioner rota gaps. 	<p>Information is not held by the ICB, please contact the practices and PCN's directly for this information.</p>
<p>8.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Please provide us with a copy of bank shift rotas currently used for all medical and non-medical roles. b) Please provide us with the current hourly rate-range paid to advanced practitioners working bank shifts at your ICB, broken down by years of service if applicable, for each of the years 2021 to 2025. 	<p>Information is not held by the ICB, please contact the practices and PCN's directly for this information.</p>

The information provided in this response is accurate as of 4 March 2026 and has been approved for release by Jenny Bowker, Deputy Director of Performance Delivery, Primary Care and Children's Services for NHS Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire ICB.

Role	2023/24			2024/25			2025/26 YTD (10 Months)		
	WTE	Total Cost to PCN	ICB Funding	WTE	Total Cost to	ICB Funding	WTE	Total Cost to	ICB Funding
		(£)	Reimbursement (£)		PCN (£)	Reimbursement (£)		PCN (£)	Reimbursement (£)
(No London Rate) Advanced Clinical Practitioner Nurse	3.30	191,671	186,602	11.45	737,099	775,829			
(No London Rate) Advanced Paramedic Practitioner	1.82	63,272	61,623	1.53	85,875	87,037	1.40	85,898	87,494
(No London Rate) Advanced Pharmacist Practitioner	0.58	24,876	23,554	1.77	110,256	115,027	1.57	91,115	91,432
(No London Rate) Advanced Physiotherapist Practitioner	0.28	17,284	17,284	3.25	211,153	211,387	4.03	222,352	222,352
(No London Rate) Advanced Nurse Practitioner				0.80	48,935	51,977	13.33	758,422	793,848
Grand Total	5.98	297,103	289,063	18.80	1,193,316	1,241,256	20.33	1,157,787	1,195,125