

Reference: FOI.ICB-2526/426

Subject: Care Packages/CHC for Adults with Severe Neurological Injury and/or Long-term Airway or Ventilatory Dependency

I can confirm that the ICB does not hold the information requested; please see responses below:

QUESTION	RESPONSE
	<p>I am writing to make a Freedom of Information request regarding the commissioning and funding of placements for adults with severe neurological injury and/or long-term airway or ventilatory dependency following discharge from acute hospital settings.</p> <p>For the purposes of this request, please include adults (aged 18+) who have been discharged from acute NHS hospital settings (including ICU, neurology, neurosurgery, stroke, trauma, spinal injury or respiratory wards) and who require high levels of ongoing care due to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Traumatic brain injury • Stroke (ischaemic or haemorrhagic) • Hypoxic/anoxic brain injury • Brain tumour or post-neurosurgical complications • High cervical spinal cord injury • Severe acquired neurological disability • Advanced neurodegenerative disorders (e.g., Motor Neurone Disease, advanced MS, advanced Parkinson's disease) • Other serious neurological or respiratory conditions resulting in long-term functional impairment <p>Including individuals discharged with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A tracheostomy in situ • Long-term invasive ventilation

- Long-term non-invasive ventilation
- Complex airway management needs

Please provide data for the most recent three financial years available.

1. Commissioned Placements and Care Packages

For each financial year, please provide:

- The total number of adults meeting the above criteria for whom the ICB has commissioned or funded a placement or care package following discharge from acute hospital.
- A breakdown of placement type:
 - Specialist neurorehabilitation unit (Level 1 or 2)
 - Specialist ABI/neuro-disability care home
 - Specialist ventilator-dependent unit
 - Non-specialist nursing or residential care home
 - Home with a domiciliary or complex care package
 - Other (please specify)

The ICB does not hold the data in the format requested as CHC assessments are not held by the characteristics requested in the FOI. The ICB receives over 4000 referrals for standard CHC and Fast Track CHC each year. To source this data would require a case-by-case review of each assessment.

The ICB has calculated that this would take over 100 hours to provide the response which is more than the 18 hours appropriate under the FOI Act, therefore the ICB has exempted the information under Section 12 (Cost compliance exceeds appropriate limit).

2. Continuing Healthcare (CHC)

- Of the above cohort, how many were funded under NHS Continuing Healthcare?
- How many required 24-hour care provision?
- How many required ventilator-capable or tracheostomy-capable placements?

Please see note in above question.

3. Commissioning and Classification

The ICB does not keep a defined list.

As previously noted, the ICB do not capture data in this format so unable to provide the requested information.

Does the ICB maintain a defined list of “specialist ABI”, “specialist neuro-disability”, or ventilator-capable care homes?

If so, please provide the number of such placements commissioned in each financial year.

The information provided in this response is accurate as of 16 March 2026 and has been approved for release by Rosi Shepherd, Chief Nursing Officer for NHS Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire ICB.