

**Reference:** FOI.ICB-2627/014

**Subject:** Headache & Migraine Service (Service Existence, Clinical Lead, Workforce Size)

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

QUESTION	RESPONSE
<p>Definitions (for this request):</p> <p>'Headache &amp; migraine service' means any commissioned, hosted, or directly provided service/clinic (secondary care, community, or integrate) that offers assessment and/or ongoing management of headache disorders (including migraine) for adults and/or children, whether stand-alone or embedded within neurology/pain services.</p> <p>'Clinical/service lead' means the named clinician responsible for clinical leadership of the headache/migraine service/pathway (e.g., consultant neurologist, GPwER, or other appointed lead).</p> <p>'Workforce size' refers to staff who work within, or are formally allocated to, the headache/migraine service/pathway. Please provide both headcount and Whole Time Equivalent (WTE), where available.</p>	
<p>1. Service existence and configuration</p> <p>a) Does your NHS body host, or directly provide a dedicated headache and/or migraine service/clinic?</p> <p>If yes, please specify whether it is: dedicated headache clinic; migraine clinic; neurology clinic with dedicated</p>	<p>a) Yes, a dedicated migraine clinic, as part of the neurology service, is provided at North Bristol NHS Trust (NBT).</p> <p>b) The service is provided by NBT and is for adults. Referral criteria can be found here: <a href="https://remedy.bnssg.icb.nhs.uk/adults/neurology/headache-adults/">https://remedy.bnssg.icb.nhs.uk/adults/neurology/headache-adults/</a></p>

<p>headache sessions; community service; or other (please describe).</p> <p>b) Please provide the service name(s), provider organisation(s)/site(s), and patient group(s) served (adult, paediatric, or both).</p>	
<p>2. Named clinical/service lead</p> <p>a) Please provide the name, job title, and employing organisation of the current named clinical/service lead for the headache/migraine service/pathway.</p> <p>b) If there is no single named lead, please provide the name(s) and title(s) of the most senior clinician(s) responsible for headache/migraine care/pathway governance.</p>	<p>The ICB does not hold this information, please contact NBT for service specific clinician details.</p>
<p>3. Workforce size (headcount and WTE)</p> <p>For the most recent 12-month period available (or the latest point-in-time establishment), please provide the staffing complement allocated to the headache/migraine service/pathway, broken down as follows:</p> <p>a) Nurses (including headache specialist nurses/ANPs) – headcount and WTE, and banding (e.g., Agenda for Change band) if recorded.</p> <p>b) Pharmacists (clinical pharmacists, prescribing pharmacists, medicines optimisation) – headcount and WTE, and banding/grade if recorded.</p> <p>c) Administrative/clerical staff – headcount and WTE, and banding/grade if recorded.</p>	<p>The ICB does not hold this information, please contact NBT for service specific workforce details.</p>

<p>d) Any other staff groups materially involved in the service (optional but helpful): consultants/medical staff, allied health professionals, psychologist, physician associates – headcount and WTE.</p>	
<p>4. Service capacity indicators (optional but helpful)</p> <p>a) Number of headache/migraine clinics/sessions delivered per week or per month (or annual total).</p> <p>b) Number of new and follow-up appointments for headache/migraine in the last 12 months (if recorded).</p> <p>c) Current waiting time for first appointment (e.g., median or RTT measure used locally) for headache/migraine referrals.</p>	<p>The ICB does not hold this information, please contact NBT for service specific details.</p>

***The information provided in this response is accurate as of 14 April 2026 and has been approved for release by Caroline Dawe, Deputy Director of Performance and Delivery, Acute and Integrated Care, MHLDA and EPRR for NHS Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire ICB.***