

Reference: FOI.ICB-2627/201

Subject: Community Musculoskeletal (MSK), Pain and Related Services, and NHS Talking Therapies

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

QUESTION	RESPONSE
Section 1: Community MSK, Pain and Related Services	
a. Please describe how Community Musculoskeletal (MSK) services are commissioned within your Integrated Care Board and confirm which of the following services are included within the commissioned contract(s): • Community MSK, Physiotherapy, • Pain Management, • Orthopaedic triage, • Rheumatology triage, • Diagnostic Imaging Access • please list any additional services not listed above	Community Musculoskeletal (MSK) services are commissioned from Sirona care & health CIC. These services are part of an adults community services contract, that commenced on 1 April 2020 after a competitive procurement process. Information on the MSK services commissioned from Sirona care & health CIC is available here: MSK Interface Service: Musculoskeletal Interface (MSKI) Service (Remedy BNSSG ICB) MSK Physio services: https://remedy.bnssg.icb.nhs.uk/adults/physiotherapy/msk-physio-services/ MSK Foot and Ankle: https://remedy.bnssg.icb.nhs.uk/adults/orthopaedics/msk-foot-ankle-service/

b. What was the total expenditure (£) on Community MSK and related services for each of the last three completed financial years?	The community contract that provides MSK services is a block arrangement across multiple service areas; it is therefore not possible to disaggregate the MSK service expenditure.
c. What is the expected budget allocated for Community MSK and related services for the current financial year?	As above.
d. Please provide the name of the current provider(s) and indicate whether each provider is an NHS Trust, Community Trust, CIC, independent provider or other organisation.	Sirona care & health CIC is a Community Interest Company (CIC)
e. For the most recently completed financial year, please provide the amount spent with each provider identified above.	See answer to question b.
f. Please provide the contract start date, contract end date, and any available extension options for the current contract(s).	The Sirona care & health CIC adults community services contract commenced on 1 April 2020, and is due to end on 31 March 2030, with no option to extend
g. Are any Community MSK and related service contracts expected to be retendered, recommissioned or otherwise reviewed within the next three years? If so, please provide the expected timing.	The existing services are commissioned for the next 3.5 years. As at September 2026, there have been no decisions made by the ICB regarding the future re-procurement or re-commissioning of community MSK services.
Section 2: NHS Talking Therapies (formerly IAPT)	
a. Please describe how NHS Talking Therapies services are commissioned within your Integrated Care Board, and confirm whether these services are commissioned as a standalone contract or as part of a broader mental health or community services contract.	NHS Talking Therapies in BNSSG (Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire) is provided by Vita Health Group, this is a standalone contract that was awarded in September 2019. This contract was awarded after a competitive procurement process under Public Contracts Regulations 2015.

b. What was the total expenditure (£) on NHS Talking Therapies services for each of the last three completed financial years?	2023/2024 contract value: £12,038,461 2024/2025 contract value: £11,775,293 2025/2026 contract value: £12,387,187
c. What is the expected budget allocated for NHS Talking Therapies services for the current financial year?	The contract value for the current financial year is £13,504,364
d. Please provide the name of the current provider(s) and indicate whether each provider is an NHS Trust, Mental Health Trust, CIC, independent provider or other organisation.	Vita Health Group – independent provider
e. For the most recently completed financial year, please provide the amount spent with each provider identified above.	Please see above answer to question b
f. Please provide the contract start date, contract end date, and any available extension options for the current contract(s).	Contract start date: 1 st September 2019 Contract end date: 30 th August 2029 No extension option within the contract
g. Are any NHS Talking Therapies contracts expected to be retendered, recommissioned or otherwise reviewed within the next three years? If so, please provide the expected timing.	As of August 2026 there have been no decisions made by the ICB regarding the future re-procurement or re-commissioning of NHS Talking Therapies when the current contract ends at the end of August 2029.

The information provided in this response is accurate as of 9 September 2026 and has been approved for release by Helena Fuller, Director of Contracts and Procurement for NHS Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire ICB.