

Reference: FOI.ICB-2627/211

Subject: Neuromuscular Healthcare Provision

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

QUESTION	RESPONSE
Please note our remit, and thus the remit of this FOI, does not include Motor Neuron Disease (MND). A full list of relevant conditions and ICD-10 codes is attached for your reference.  ICD10%20Codes%20and%20Descriptor%2	
1. Please confirm whether your ICB has any strategies or transformation programmes relevant to neurological services. If so, please provide the relevant strategy documents.	No
2. Please confirm the total number of children and adults with a known diagnosis of a neuromuscular condition within the population covered by your ICB.	The ICB does not hold a complete list of all patients who have ever received a diagnosis of a neuromuscular condition. Within inpatient and outpatient data held by the ICB, 1,187 patients were identified as having a relevant diagnosis recorded between Aug-2021 and Aug-2026.
3. Please provide the total annual funding provided for neuromuscular care for the financial year 2025-26. If exact figures are not available, please provide an approximation based on the records you hold.	The ICB does not hold this information. A specific budget for neuromuscular services cannot be provided, as neuromuscular services are not clearly defined as a discrete budget line and are not separately identifiable within current financial allocations.

4. Please provide the total annual funding provided for adults specialised neuroscience neurology (service code NCBPS08O) and specialist neuroscience services for children (service code NCBPS23M) for the past three financial years, or since their delegation from NHS England.	<table><tr><th>Row Labels</th><th>23/24</th><th>24/25</th><th>25/26</th></tr><tr><td>NCBPS08O</td><td>£15,296,051</td><td>£17,286,749</td><td>£20,900,875</td></tr><tr><td>NCBPS23M</td><td>£5,655,215</td><td>£3,550,090</td><td>£4,148,280</td></tr></table>	Row Labels	23/24	24/25	25/26	NCBPS08O	£15,296,051	£17,286,749	£20,900,875	NCBPS23M	£5,655,215	£3,550,090	£4,148,280
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5. Please confirm whether your organisation has held discussions about implementing the National Neurosciences Advisory Group's (NNAG) optimal clinical pathway for neuromuscular conditions , since its publication in September 2024. a. If 'yes' to the above, please confirm whether your organisation is delivering the optimal pathway. If you are not delivering the optimal pathway, please outline reasons that prevent you from delivering it. b. If 'no' to the above, please confirm whether your organisation plans to consider the implementation of the optimal clinical pathway for neuromuscular conditions. If not, please outline reasons that prevent you from implementing it. c. Please supply any papers or discussion records about the NNAG optimal pathway for neuromuscular conditions.	No, this has not been discussed.												

d. Has your organisation discussed or received communications about the optimal clinical pathway with/from the former NHSE Specialised Commissioning team?	
6. Does every place in your ICB have a community neuro team? If not, please provide a list of the places which do not.	Yes
7. Can you confirm whether each of the community neuro teams in your ICB treats people with neuromuscular conditions? Please provide the referral criteria used by each team, including a list of conditions which are accepted/covered by the team.	The ICB contract with the provider does not contain this level of detail and therefore the ICB does not hold this information. This request should be directed to the provider, Sirona care and health.
8. Please confirm whether your ICB includes people with lived experience of neurological conditions in decision-making about the commissioning of neurological services. If yes, please provide further details. If not, please outlines the barriers.	No, the ICB has not commissioned, re-commissioned or made commissioning changes to neurological services in recent years.

The information provided in this response is accurate as of 3 September 2026 and has been approved for release by David Jarrett, Chief Strategic Commissioning Officer for NHS Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire ICB.