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Dear

Re: Your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000
Ref no: FOI-2972-LSC

Thank you for your request dated 06 March 2023.

We can confirm that the ICB does hold the information you requested.

Please find our response to your questions below:

Q1	<p>Your Question:</p> <p>Section 1: Commissioning and care planning</p> <p>(a) Within the past year, have you reviewed or found opportunities for improvement in pathways and care for headache and migraine</p> <p>(b) If yes, what did this review find?</p> <p>(c) If no, what has prevented this so far?</p> <p>(d) Do you have any plans to implement the findings of the optimum clinical pathway for adults for Headache & facial pain published by the National Neurosciences Advisory Group (NNAG) in February 2023?</p>
	<p>Our Response:</p> <p>There have not been any specific reviews around the opportunities within the headache pathways other than the ongoing waiting list validation and management across the local system. The focus of the service and system has been on the recovery of the elective care backlog.</p> <p>We are reviewing the recommendations and findings within the GIRFT (Getting It Right First Time) and Outpatient Transformation Programme (OPRT) (Dec 2022) guidance around Neurology.</p> <p>Across the ICB there is a Neurosciences Programme that is a collaborative between commissioners and providers (main provider for system is Lancashire Teaching Hospitals Trust – LTHTR) – pathway and service development opportunities will be addressed via this group and this will be inclusive of the National Neurosciences Advisory Group (NNAG) findings and will be reviewed within 23/24.</p>

Q2	<p>Your Question:</p> <p>(a) Have you reviewed the migraine needs of your local population (e.g. numbers of people living with migraine who are diagnosed and not yet diagnosed) and planned services to meet these needs (e.g. by offering opportunities for training in migraine management to GPs, as well as adequate access to secondary and tertiary specialists)</p> <p>(b) If not, are there plans to do so?</p>
	<p>Our Response:</p> <p>There have been historic training and education opportunities across Primary Care that have been led by the lead Neurosciences provider (LTHTR) – this includes the outline of the optimum headache and migraine pathways detailed within the Lancashire and South Cumbria Medicines Management (LMMG) pathway:</p> <p>https://www.lancsmmq.nhs.uk/media/1060/headache-management-guideline-for-adults-version-10.pdf</p> <p>There has been development of GPwSI (General Practitioners with Extended Roles) roles for Headache across the local Primary Care leads resulting in x2 GP leads who work across the system alongside the uptake and usage of the Advice and Guidance (A&G) system</p>
Q3	<p>Your Question:</p> <p>(a) Do you plan to appoint a Migraine/Headache Lead in your area (e.g. to coordinate migraine care, share guidelines among colleagues, or lead needs assessments, service development and health care professional education across the area)?</p> <p>(b) If not, are there alternative arrangements in place to coordinate migraine care?</p>
	<p>Our Response:</p> <p>Future opportunities around headache and migraine pathways will be reviewed within the Neurosciences Programme Group – the clinical director for Neurology across LTHTR is Professor Suresh Chhetri.</p> <p>There are further plans for developments of community services and Primary Care enhanced services within 23/24.</p>
Q4	<p>Your Question:</p> <p>Section 2: Specialist headache clinics</p> <p>(a) Do you have specialist headache clinics in Trusts within your ICS area?</p> <p>(b) If yes, please give details.</p> <p>(c) If no, please give details of the clinic(s) Trusts in your area would refer out to.</p>

	<p>Our Response:</p> <p>All clinics are managed through the national e-RS (electronic referrals) system and booked via a CAS (Clinical assessment services) service at Lancashire Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust (LTHTR) – within the service offer there are dedicated headache clinics with the appropriate specialist leads.</p> <p>Further details will be available from the Provider: https://www.lancsteachinghospitals.nhs.uk/freedom-of-information</p>
Q5	<p>Your Question:</p> <p>Section 3: Training</p> <p>(a) Do you have any education or training programmes with GPs or pharmacists in your area on migraine? (E.g. regarding GP/pharmacy education, patient management in the community, patient information or referral pathways)</p> <p>(b) If yes, or if any are planned, please give details.</p> <p>(c) If no, please explain any reasons (e.g. budgets / other priorities / other organisations' responsibility).</p> <p>Our Response:</p> <p>As detailed in Q2.</p>
Q6	<p>Your Question:</p> <p>Section 4: Inequalities</p> <p>(a) Are you aware of local inequalities of access to headache specialist services amongst any groups (e.g. by gender, ethnicity, disability, socio-economic groups)?</p> <p>(b) If yes, please give details of the inequalities and any work you are doing or planning to address this.</p> <p>Our Response:</p> <p>Health inequalities are monitored and managed via the waiting list validation programme and process within the LTHTR service – any disadvantaged groups will be managed accordingly within the hospital and via community and charitable organisations within the communities.</p>

Right of Appeal

Should you require any further information or clarification regarding this response please do not hesitate to contact us. If you are dissatisfied with the response, you are entitled to request an internal review which should be formally requested in writing and must be within two calendar months from the date this response was issued.

To request an internal review

You can request this by contacting the FOI team by email at MLCSU.FOITeam@nhs.net or by post to Jubilee House, Lancashire Business Park, Leyland, PR26 6TR, specifying why you require a review.

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Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF

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Yours sincerely

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