

Reference: FOI 39153 GLO 11M

Subject: Chronic Pain

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

QUESTION	RESPONSE
1. How many consultations are there per year for chronic pain?	The CCG does not hold this information at the level of detail requested, as we are unable to distinguish chronic pain from acute pain in any coding from our datasets.
2. How many patients per year does that represent?	
3. What is the total cost of care per year for Chronic Pain?	
4. What is the total cost of medication per year for Chronic Pain?	The CCG does not hold this information at the level of detail requested. Medication costs are a combination of drugs used for acute pain, chronic pain, or other conditions, therefore, we are unable to distinguish costs for chronic pain specifically.

<p>5. Do you have a secondary care pain unit in the CCG? If so, how many referrals are made to this unit per year?</p>	<p>The CCG commissions Gloucestershire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust to provide specialist pain services. They provide a pain management programme in addition to specialist MDT triage, assessment and care planning. The referrals into the pain specialists are via eRS (electronic referrals system).</p> <p>The number of referrals into the Pain Management Service over the last three years are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2018/19 = 2190 • 2019/20 = 2175 • 2020/21 = 1257* <p>*Please note the impact of Covid-19 on Pain referrals</p>
<p>6. Do you have community pain services? If so, how many consultations are made to these services per year? and what is the cost of care within these services per year?</p>	<p>We do not have specialist community pain services in place.</p>

The information provided in this response is accurate as of 30 June 2021 and has been authorised for release by Mark Walkingshaw, Deputy Accountable Officer/Director of Commissioning for NHS Gloucestershire CCG.