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Dear Dr Viaris De Lesegno and Ms Khaloon

RE: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

Thank you for your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 received on 21st June 2021 by NHS Kent and Medway Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG). The information you have requested is listed below together with the response:

1. How many consultations are there per year for chronic pain?

I can confirm NHS Kent and Medway CCG does hold some of this information. Please see table below.

		2019-2020	2020-2021
Acute Care	191 – Pain Management First OP appointments - no. of appointments attended	8624	5501
Primary Care	Chronic pain SNOWMED – no. of events	940*	917*

* Please note that primary care figures are based on data that has been shared with CCG and which has been coded. Not all primary care practices share their data and of those who do, coding is not consistent. This is likely to be an underrepresentation of the actual primary care chronic pain activity.

2. How many patients per year does that represent?

I can confirm NHS Kent and Medway CCG does hold some of this information. Please see table below.

		2019-2020	2020-2021
Acute Care	191 – Pain Management First OP appointments - no. of patients	8195	5212
Primary Care	Chronic pain SNOWMED – no. of patients	661*	638*

* This is likely to be an underrepresentation of the actual primary care chronic pain activity.

3. What is the total cost of care per year for Chronic Pain?

I can confirm NHS Kent and Medway CCG does hold some of this information. Please see table below.

		2019-2020	2020-2021
Acute Care	191 – Pain Management First OP appointments - cost	£990,091.00	£250,175.00
	191 – Pain Management Follow-up OP appointments - cost	£1,809,582.00	£281,250.00
	191 – Pain Management Inpatient spells	£4,905,625.00	£2,343,588.00
	TOTAL ACUTE	£7,705,298.00	£2,875,013.00
Community Contracts	TOTAL Community	£19,333,638	£7,714,118
Primary Care	TOTAL PC	Not held*	Not held*

* Primary care services do not receive chronic pain specific funding.

4. What is the total cost of medication per year for Chronic Pain?

I can confirm NHS Kent and Medway CCG does not hold this information. This information may be held by NHS Business Services Authority. You can find contact details on the link below.

NHS BSA: <https://www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/contact-us/freedom-information>

5. Do you have a secondary care pain unit in the CCG? If so, how many referrals are made to this unit per year?

I can confirm NHS Kent and Medway CCG does hold this information. The CCG does have a secondary care pain unit. Please see table below.

		2019-2020	2020-2021
Referrals to 191 – Pain Management (4 K&M acute trusts only)	Number of referrals	*2,221	5,352
Primary Care	Number of patients	*2,077	5,013

*reporting in place only for the last 3 months of 19-20

The above referral data comes from local dataflow from the 4 acute Trusts. There is no national referral dataset that provides specialty level breakdown. Please note this referral dataset was a relatively recently established local dataflow, and the data quality was not adequate in 19/20, only being in place for 3 months. In 20-21 due to covid this dataflow has its own inconsistencies. Therefore, the CCG would like to advise that it cannot guarantee that it has a dataset for referrals that could provide an accurate estimation of referrals for chronic pain.

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?

I can confirm NHS Kent and Medway CCG does hold this information. Please see table below.

	2019-2020			2020-2021		
Community Contracts	Appointments	Patients	Total Cost (£)	Appointments	Patients	Total Cost (£)
Acupuncture	1740	336	58,939	411	94	14,267
Chiropractic	58	46	1,995	20	18	710
Headache	2692	1159	376,676	2274	1009	299,241
Musculoskeletal Problems	29782	8699	864,811	8393	3188	390,758
Physiotherapy	283061	74523	9,015,609	101998	30182	3,527,984
TOTAL	600394	84385	19,333,638	213769	33302	7,714,118

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We hope that this has dealt with your request for information however, should you remain dissatisfied, you have the right to request that we conduct an internal review of the way we have handled your request. If you would like us to conduct such a review please contact us within two months of this letter:

Email NELCSU.foi@nhs.net or

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Your request for an internal review will then be processed in accordance with our Freedom of Information Policy.

If you are still dissatisfied following the internal review, you have the right under Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act (2000) to appeal against the decision by contacting the Information Commissioner. The Information Commissioner provides full and detailed guidance on the Freedom of Information Act and on when and how to complain.

Please find below the link to their website page and their helpline number.

<https://ico.org.uk/for-the-public/official-information/>

Helpline number: 0303 123 1113 or 01625 545745

In line with the Information Commissioner's directive on the disclosure of information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 your request will form part of our disclosure log. Therefore, a version of our response, which will protect your anonymity, will be posted on the CCGs website.

Yours sincerely

Freedom of Information Team

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This Freedom of Information request has been processed by NEL CSU on behalf of

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