



Kernow

Clinical Commissioning Group

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Contracts

FOI 80270 Procurement

Date request received:	19/03/2020	FOI ref:	80270
Requested information:			
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. What is the name of your PAS supplier?2. How much per does this cost per annum?3. What is the length of your contract for this service?4. What is the total cost of your contract?5. When does this contract expire? 6. What is the name of your EPR supplier? (If you do not have an EPR simply state "None").7. How much per does this cost per annum?8. What is the length of your contract for this service?9. What is the total cost of your contract?10. When does this contract expire? 11. Does your trust run community services? (e.g.: District Nursing) (If no, simply state "No").12. If so, what is the name of your PAS/EPR supplier?13. How much per does this cost per annum?14. What is the length of your contract for this service?15. What is the total cost of your contract?16. When does this contract expire?			
Response:			
<p>NHS Kernow's procurement policy is available on our website: http://policies.kernowccg.nhs.uk/DocumentsLibrary/KernowCCG/OurFinances/Guidance/ProcurementFrameworkForManagingMajorCommissioningChanges.pdf</p> <p>6. None 11. None</p> <p>NHS Kernow is a clinical commissioning group responsible for the planning and</p>			

commissioning of health care services and does not hold the information requested. Royal Cornwall Hospitals NHS Trust: rch-tr.foi@nhs.net and Cornwall Partnership NHS Foundation Trust (CFT), cfn-tr.freedomofinformation@nhs.net may hold this information.

Attachment(s):

None

Date response sent:

09/04/2020

FOI 80080 Procurement

Date request received:	07/03/2020	FOI ref:	800080
Requested information:			
<p>I am interested to know how;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • decisions are made to procure a product or service in your organisation • how long it takes • what is the process to present an innovative cost saving product/service • and to whom to direct the communications 			
Response:			
<p>NHS Kernow's procurement policy is available on our website: http://policies.kernowccg.nhs.uk/DocumentsLibrary/KernowCCG/OurFinances/Guidance/ProcurementFrameworkForManagingMajorCommissioningChanges.pdf</p> <p>NHS Kernow does not release the names of employees below director level. The director with responsibility for procurement is Clare Bryan, Chief Finance Officer</p>			
Attachment(s):			
None			
Date response sent:			
01/04/2020			

Finance & budgets

FOI 80000 Spend data

Date request received:	02/03/2020	FOI ref:	80000
Requested information:			
<p>I am looking for some assistance with your organisation's Spend/Transparency data, available on the following weblink:</p> <p>https://www.kernowccg.nhs.uk/about-us/what-we-spend-and-how-we-spend-it/transparency-in-public-expenditure/</p>			

There appears to be no file available for the month of Dec 2019. Could you advise when the file will be made available to view online? Would it be possible for you to email me a copy of the Dec 2019 file please

Response:

NHS Kernow apologises that at the time of your request that this information had not been uploaded to our website. December 2019 and January 2020 data is now available on our website: <https://www.kernowccg.nhs.uk/about-us/what-we-spend-and-how-we-spend-it/transparency-in-public-expenditure/>

Attachment(s):

None

Date response sent:

17/03/2020

Mental health & learning disabilities

FOI 80100 Neurorehabilitation

Date request received:	13/02/2020	FOI ref:	80100
Requested information:			
<p>Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I would like to request the following information regarding adult neurological and mental health residential and nursing home services. Please provide answers on the attached and accompanying spreadsheet.</p> <p>For the avoidance of doubt, when referring to the term 'neurological', please include; brain injury (including acquired brain injury and traumatic brain injury) spinal injury, neuro-disabilities (including but not limited to Parkinson's disease, multiple sclerosis, motor neurone disease, Huntington's disease, cerebral palsy and epilepsy), stroke, neurobehavioural rehabilitation and cognitive rehabilitation. This list is meant as a guide and is by no means exhaustive.</p> <p>For the avoidance of doubt, when referring to the term 'mental ill-health', please include; anxiety, depression, personality disorder, severe affective disorders, schizophrenia, and mental ill-health that causes challenging behaviour, all of which are to such a degree that the person experiences significant impairment and as such is unable to care for themselves independently. This list is meant as a guide and is by no means exhaustive.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Please provide the name, job title, email address and telephone number of the commissioner with responsibility for neurological and mental ill-health residential and nursing home placements (if more than one person is responsible, please provide the details of all responsible for making the			

placements).

2. Please provide the total number of adults funded by the CCG in the following settings: (please provide figures for the past two financial years and budgeted figures for the current financial year (2019/20)):
 - a. Neurological residential homes
 - b. Mental ill-health residential homes
 - c. Neurological nursing homes
 - d. Mental ill-health nursing homes
3. Please provide the total number of adults funded by the CCG in out of area placements (i.e. a placement outside the CCG boundaries) in the following settings: (please provide figures for the past two financial years and budgeted figures for the current financial year (2019/20)):
 - a. Neurological residential homes
 - b. Mental ill-health residential homes
 - c. Neurological nursing homes
 - d. Mental ill-health nursing homes
4. Please provide the gross total expenditure on adults funded by the CCG in the following settings: (please provide figures for the past two financial years and budgeted figures for the current financial year (2019/20)):
 - a. Neurological residential homes
 - b. Mental ill-health residential homes
 - c. Neurological nursing homes
 - d. Mental ill-health nursing homes
5. Please provide the current average weekly expenditure per individual for adults funded by the CCG in the following settings:
 - a. Neurological residential homes
 - b. Mental ill-health residential homes
 - c. Neurological nursing homes
 - d. Mental ill-health nursing homes

Response:

1. NHS Kernow does not release the names of employees below director level. The director responsible is John Groom, director for Integrated Care.

NHS Kernow does not hold the information in the format requested. Cornwall Partnership NHS Foundation Trust (CFT) may be able to assist with your request, please email - cpn-tr.freedomofinformation@nhs.net

Attachment(s):

None

Date response sent:

27/03/2020

FOI 80010 Psychological services

Date request received:	03/03/2020	FOI ref:	80010
Requested information:			
Under all of the CCGs in your area: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. How many GP patient referrals have there been to mental health services in the past three years? Please could you provide a year by year breakdown and include diagnosis (ie, anxiety, depression, etc), by CCG.2. How many GP patient referrals have there been for ecotherapy in the past three years? Please could you provide a year by year breakdown, by CCG.3. How many GP patient referrals have there been for eating disorders in the past three years? Please could you provide a year by year breakdown and include diagnosis (ie, anorexia, bulimia, etc), by CCG			
Response:			
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. See attachments1 and 2. Please note: NHS Kernow holds the information but where the numbers are less than 5, the information cannot be disclosed as it could potentially identify the individuals involved, especially if combined with other data, this would constitute a breach of the Data Protection Act 2018. Therefore, this information is exempt from disclosure under section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 on the grounds that it is personal information.2. NHS Kernow does not commission any ecotherapy services.3. NHS Kernow does not hold this information. This may be available from Cornwall Partnership Foundation NHS Trust (CFT): cpn-tr.freedomofinformation@nhs.net			
Attachment(s):			
Yes – attachments 1 and 2			
Date response sent:			
27/03/2020			

Organisation

FOI 80200 Long term plan

Date request received:	11/03/2020	FOI ref:	80200
Requested information:			
This is a follow-up of the FOI sent in December 2019. The five year plan was supposed to be published in Early 2020. Could you please post the link (or attachment) in the attached sheet. Also, there is an additional question which was not asked in December. The link for the latest published version of the one-year operational plan for 2020-21.			

Response:

NHS Kernow exempts this under section 22 of the Freedom of Information Act; information intended for future publication. Following advice received from Sir Simon Stevens, NHS England, the publication of these documents has been delayed nationally and locally until Autumn 2020.

The Cornwall and Isle of Scilly Long Term Plan (COIS LTP) was published as work in progress and formed part of the 18th March 2020 Transformation Board papers, available from this link, please see page 23 onwards.

<http://doclibrary-shapingourfuture.cornwall.nhs.uk/DocumentsLibrary/CIOSHealthAndCare/TransformationBoardMeetings/Minutes/2021/202003/Appendix6StrategicPlans.pdf>

Attachment(s):

None

Date response sent:

02/04/2020

Patient safety & experience**FOI 80170 Community VTE clinics**

Date request received:	11/03/2020	FOI ref:	80170
Requested information:			
<p>Does your CCG commission a community VTE clinic?</p> <p>In the last 12 months how many patients have been treated at the clinic?</p> <p>How many patients have been treated with a DOAC within the clinic?</p> <p>Of these patients how many were treated with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Xarelto • Lixiana • Pradaxa • Eliquis 			
Response:			
<p>NHS Kernow does not hold the information. Royal Cornwall Hospitals NHS Trust (RCHT) who are the providers of community clinics may be able to provide the information requested. Please contact: rch-tr.foi@nhs.net</p>			
Attachment(s):			
None			
Date response sent:			
06/04/2020			

Prescribing & pharmacies

FOI 80230 Antimicrobial resistance

Date request received:	12/03/2020	FOI ref:	80230
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Requested information:

1. Name of CCG
2. Does your Clinical Commissioning Group have a named individual responsible for the implementation of a local antimicrobial stewardship (AMS) programme? Yes/no
 - a. If Yes, please provide the name and the job title of the individual
3. Is your Clinical Commissioning Group part of any local wider partnership group addressing antimicrobial resistance (AMR) (eg involving public health in Local Authority and/or any other organisations)? Yes/No
 - a. If yes please provide the membership of the partnership group (organisations) and state who provides system leadership of the partnership group:
4. How long has your local antimicrobial stewardship programme been in place for? (please tick)

0 - 3 months	
4 - 6 months	
7 - 9 months	
10 - 12 months	
Over a year	
We do not have a local antimicrobial stewardship programme	

5. Which of the following components of the RCGP TARGET Antibiotics toolkit and training have you used or implemented within your Clinical Commissioning Group area: (please tick)

Interactive workshop presentation and clinical eModule	
Leaflets shared with patients	
Audit toolkits and action planning	
Antibiotic and diagnostic quick	

reference tools	
Training resources	
Resources for clinical and waiting areas	
Self- assessment checklists	
Resources for commissioners	
All of the above	
None of the above	
Please include any further information you may wish to provide here:	

NICE guideline 15 Antimicrobial Stewardship: Systems and Processes for Antimicrobial Use

6. If your CCG has or is a member of an Antimicrobial Stewardship programme, please answer **Yes** or **No** to the following statements, drawn from NG15, about the recommended **membership** and **actions** of Antimicrobial Stewardship programmes.
- a. clearly defines members’ roles, responsibilities and accountabilities – yes/no
 - b. core members include an antimicrobial pharmacist and a medical microbiologist –yes/no
 - c. can co-opt additional members as required –yes/no
 - d. involves lead health and social care practitioners–yes/no
 - e. monitors and evaluates antimicrobial prescribing –yes/no
 - f. provides AMR education and training to health and social care practitioners –yes/no
 - g. integrates audit into existing quality improvement programmes –yes/no
 - h. provides regular feedback to individual prescribers in all care settings – yes/no

Implementation of C-Reactive Protein Point of Care guidance,CG191

CG191 recommends considering a point of care C-reactive protein test for people presenting with symptoms of lower respiratory tract infection in primary care, if after clinical assessment a diagnosis of pneumonia has not been made and it is not clear whether antibiotics should be prescribed.

7. What proportion of GP practices in your Clinical Commissioning Group area offer point of care Creactive protein tests for patients with an uncertain diagnosis of pneumonia, as recommended by CG191:

None	
All	

Some (approx. percentage)	
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8. Does your CCG have a policy to promote the use of point of care C-reactive protein tests in primary care settings? Yes/no
 - a. Please provide any further information:
9. Do you collaborate with any other CCGs around AMR, or do you have any plans to do so? Yes/no
10. Do you have a ring-fenced budget for your CCG AMR strategies? Yes/no
11. Are you currently achieving your antibiotics reduction target? Yes/no/don't have reduction target
12. Do you believe that your CCG could practically do more to achieve the aims of its AMS programme? Yes/no
13. Please add any further information you may wish to provide here:

Response:

1. NHS Kernow CCG
2. Yes
 - b. NHS Kernow does not release the names of employees below director level. Andrew Abbott is the director of Integrated Care.
3. Yes
 - CARG (Cornwall Antimicrobial Resistance Group) Chair by Ruth Goldstein, Public Health Consultant, including members from: Dentistry, Veterinary, Academic European Centre for Environment and Human Health, Public Health England(PHE), Royal Cornwall Hospital Trust (CFT), Cornwall Hospitals Partnership Foundation Trust (CFT), University of Exeter, Duchy College, NHS Kernow CCG
 - Antimicrobial Resistance Planning & Delivery group chair by Kim O'Keeffe, Chief Nurse RCHT, including members from: PHE, RCFT, CFT, Kernow LMC/GP Prescribing or Locality Lead, NHS Kernow CCG
4. Over a year
5. All of the above
6. a. yes
 - b. yes
 - c. yes
 - d. yes
 - e. yes
 - f. yes
 - g. yes
 - h. yes
7. None
8. Yes
 - b. Not provided
9. Yes
10. No
11. Yes
12. Yes
13. Working with the National Project Lead - Antimicrobial Resistance NHS England & Improvement (NHSEI), discussing strategies, updates and sharing

ideas to tackle AMR.
Attachment(s):
Yes
Date response sent:
08/04/2020

FOI 80190 Drugs tariff

Date request received:	10/03/2020	FOI ref:	80190
Requested information:			
<p>We are currently investigating the Drug Tariff, in particular the Stoma Market (Chapter 23 of the Monthly Prescription Cost Analysis Data), with the fundamental objective of reducing increasing costs for CCGs.</p> <p>To assist us with this research, we ask for you to provide a monthly summary of the number of patients ordering items from Chapter 23 (Stoma related products).</p>			
Response:			
<p>NHS Kernow does not hold the information requested.</p> <p>This data is collected and held by NHS Business Services Authority who can be contacted as follows:</p> <p>Email: nhsbsa.datarequest@nhs.net Website: www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk</p>			
Attachment(s):			
none			
Date response sent:			
27/03/2020			

Women's health

FOI 80290 Menopause

Date request received:	19/03/2020	FOI ref:	80290
Requested information:			
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Are you, as the local CCG, responsible for commissioning all services related to diagnosis and treatment of menopause in your area? If not, then can you please provide details of who does commission menopause services in your area? 2. What services for diagnosis and treatment of menopause are available in your area? This could include specialist menopause primary health care providers within GP surgeries or in local hospitals or in specialist clinics. 3. Is there a waiting list for specialist menopause services in your area and if so, 			

<p>roughly how long for?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Have any services related to diagnosis and treatment of menopause been closed in your area? If yes, can you provide details of what that service was and when it closed please? 5. Does the CCG have plans to open any new menopause services? If yes please provide details. 6. What is the first line of treatment recommended by the CCG for women with peri and menopause symptoms? i.e. what is directed on the Formulary? 7. What is the second line of treatment recommended by the CCG for women with peri and menopause symptoms? i.e what is directed on the Formulary?
Response:
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Yes 2. Standard service as delivered by core GP practice 3. No 4. NHS Kernow CCG disinvested from a specialist menopause primary health care provider in November 2016 5. No 6. Available here: https://www.eclipsesolutions.org/Cornwall/ 7. Available here: https://www.eclipsesolutions.org/Cornwall/
Attachment(s):
None
Date response sent:
14/04/2020

FOI 80220 Assisted conception

Date request received:	14/03/2020	FOI ref:	80220
Requested information:			
<p>Access to infertility services and assisted conception</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kernow CCG's full policy on assisted conception and infertility services, including all patient eligibility criteria. 			
Response:			
<p>NHS Kernow exempts the release of the requested information under section 21 of the freedom of information act; information accessible by other means.</p> <p>This information is published on NHS Kernow's website : https://www.kernowccg.nhs.uk/get-info/treatment-policies/</p>			
Attachment(s):			
None			
Date response sent:			
01/04/2020			

FOI 79970 Endometriosis

Date request received:	02/03/2020	FOI ref:	79970
Requested information:			
Please tell me how long women in England wait for a referral to a consultant for endometriosis in calendar days in each calendar or financial year (depending on how you collect the data) for the last 10 years.			
Response:			
NHS Kernow does not hold this information. National (England) referral to treatment waiting times for gynecology are available from their website: https://www.england.nhs.uk/statistics/statistical-work-areas/rtt-waiting-times/rtt-data-2019-20/ Further information may be available from the providers of the service, Royal Cornwall Hospital or University Hospital Plymouth.			
Attachment(s):			
None			
Date response sent:			
19/03/2020			