

**Ref: CCG June 004 2016**

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15<sup>th</sup> June 2016,

Dear Ms Thorpe,

**Re: Freedom of Information Request**

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request that we received on 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2016, with regards to requiring neurological rehabilitation.

Request/**Response**

I would like some information on patients requiring neurological rehabilitation within your CCG between 1st April 2015 and March 31st 2016.

- 1) Number of patients who are admitted into acute services with symptoms that ultimately provide them with a Stroke diagnosis

**786.**

***Please note we have used non elective admissions and primary diagnosis, subsequent diagnosis codes entered may be additional medical history and not new diagnosis, again we have assumed elective admissions are less likely to be point of delivery where such diagnosis are first established.***

- 2) Number of patients who are admitted into acute services with a Brain Injury diagnosis either through a traumatic or other origination

***Brain Injury spells NE Admission Primary Diagnosis as per codes requested: 207***

***Brain Tumor spells NE Admission Primary Diagnosis as per codes requested: 103***

- 3) Number of patients with a long term neurological condition, Stroke or Brain Injury who are allocated neurological rehabilitation.

***In the financial year 2015/16, the recorded level of activity for Liverpool CCG patients under neurological rehabilitation (based on nationally-defined Healthcare Resource Group):***

<b><i>HRG Code</i></b>	<b><i>HRG Description</i></b>	<b><i>Total</i></b>
<b><i>VC04Z</i></b>	<b><i>Rehabilitation for Stroke</i></b>	<b><i>5510</i></b>
<b><i>VC06Z</i></b>	<b><i>Rehabilitation for Brain Injuries</i></b>	<b><i>49</i></b>
<b><i>VC12Z</i></b>	<b><i>Rehabilitation for Other Neurological Disorders</i></b>	<b><i>8</i></b>
<b><i>Grand Total</i></b>		<b><i>5567</i></b>

***Please note, however, that the majority of neurology services for Liverpool patients are commissioned by NHS England, and this information is not readily available to us. This includes all rehabilitation services at the local specialist neurology centre.***

***You may wish to redirect your enquiry to NHS England's' Customer Contact Centre and their details are as follows:***

***NHS England  
Customer Contact Centre  
P.O. Box 16738  
Redditch  
B97 9PT***

***Tel: 0300 311 2233  
Email: [england.contactus@nhs.net](mailto:england.contactus@nhs.net)***

- 4) Of those allocated neurological rehabilitation how many access this through an inpatient facility? What is the breakdown between NHS and independent provision?

***As above, information relating to neurological rehabilitation commissioned by Liverpool CCG is very limited. However, all patients mentioned previously were seen at an NHS provider.***

- 5) What is the process that patient referrals for neurological rehabilitation go through to establish their eligibility for an allocation of funding for inpatient neurological rehabilitation?

***As part of the Cheshire and Merseyside Rehabilitation Network there are agreed pathways that are used to access neurological rehabilitation beds. Should access to a private provider be required the request goes via the Individual Exceptional Funding Request (IEFR) route to establish eligibility and appropriateness.***

**To view the IEFR process please see link below:**

**<http://www.liverpoolccg.nhs.uk/health-and-services/individual-funding-requests/>**

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The ICO can be contacted at:

Information Commissioners Office  
Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
Cheshire  
SK9 5AF  
[www.ico.gov.uk](http://www.ico.gov.uk)

Should you require any further information, clarification regarding this response or do not feel that your request has been answered as you would expect, please contact us to discuss.

Yours sincerely,

**Customer Relations Lead  
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