

Ref: 70FOI21.22 – Chronic Pain

Please note that Kirklees CCG came into existence on 1 April 2021. Any information provided for dates before this relate to our predecessor CCGs (Greater Huddersfield and North Kirklees). Please also note that the numbers of patients are rounded to the nearest five.

Request

- 1) **How many consultations are there per year in each of the following care settings for chronic pain. Please provide us with the financial years of 2018-2019, 2019-2020 and 2020-2021.**
- How many consultations are there in Community services?
 - How many consultations are there in Primary care (general practice)?
 - How many consultations are there in Secondary Care (Acute Hospitals)

Community Services - The CCG does not hold this specific information.

Greater Huddersfield CCG (GHCCG) Primary Care Network (PCN) commission a Pain Management Service within a musculoskeletal service which is part of the main Care Closer to Home contract. The service activity is pathway based, which includes all first, follow up and telephone consultations. The information provided below relates to the number of patient pathways, together with those patients who have received an outpatient procedure (such as pain injections) within the service.

North Kirklees CCG (NKCCG) PCN footprint held a community services contract based on activity base until September 2019 when the contract ceased and all activity for the PCN footprint moved to secondary care providers.

	GHCCG PCN Footprint	NKCCG PCN Footprint
2018/19	1,040	1,015
2019/20	975	1,120
2020/21	845	n/a

Primary Care - The CCG does not hold the specific level of data you requested.

Secondary Care – Pain Management Services can be accessed by patients at any provider of their choice that offer the service and hold an NHS National Contract. The following information relates to the number of outpatient attendances (including face to face, telephone and outpatient procedures) and day-case procedures across all providers in relation to Kirklees CCG patients under Treatment Function Code (TFC) 191 – Pain Management.

2018/19	4,605
2019/20	3,750
2021/22	2,020

- 2) **How many patients per year does that represent? In each care setting for each of the following financial years (2018-2019), (2019-2020) and (2020-2021).**
- Primary care (general practice) - in the years (2018-2019), (2019-2020) and (2020-21).

- **Community Services - in the years (2018-2019), (2019-2020) and (2020-2021).**
- **Secondary care (acute hospitals) - in the years (2018-2019), (2019-2020) and (2020-21).**

The CCG does not hold the specific level of data you requested for Primary Care services.

The number of patient pathways for the Community Pain Management service is given in the response to question 1. The CCG does not hold personal identifiable information and is currently unable to identify individual patients who have accessed the service, and on how many occasions.

The number of individual patients who accessed secondary care Pain Management are:

2018/19	2,000
2019/20	1,990
2021/22	1,350

- 3) **What is the total cost of medication per year for Chronic Pain?**
Please give us the total cost for providing the following analgesics on prescription in each of the following care-settings: (Primary = GP and Community Services) and (Secondary = Acute Hospital Settings) for the following years: 2018-19, 2019-20 and 2020-21. Please note, we recognise that it may be impossible to dissociate the prescription of these drugs for pain or for other indication. In that case, please just provide us with the total cost irrespective of indication. Please consider referring to the BNF analgesics chapter.

The CCG does not hold the information you have specifically requested. It is important to note that the following data, which reflects GHCCG and NKCCG combined does not differentiate between primary care/community and secondary care prescribing, and there is no way of knowing how much of this prescribing is for chronic pain as per the specifics of your request:

Financial Year	BNF Chapter	BNF Section	Actual Cost
2018/19	Central Nervous System	Analgesics	£3,121,675.93
2019/20	Central Nervous System	Analgesics	£3,335,967.68
2020/21	Central Nervous System	Analgesics	£3,633,802.39

- 4) **Do you have a secondary care pain unit in the CCG? If so, how many referrals are made to this unit per year? For the following financial years: (2018-19), (2019-20) and (2020-21).**

As explained in the response to question 1, Pain Management Services can be accessed at any provider who offer a secondary care service and hold an NHS

National Contract. Kirklees CCG does not commission a dedicated secondary care pain unit outside of this specialty.

- 5) **Do you have community pain services? If so, how many consultations are made to these services per year? For the following financial years: (2018-19), (2019-20) and (2020-21). How are these services commissioned?**

Please refer to the answer given in response to question 1.

- 6) **What is the total cost of care per year for Chronic Pain? In each setting for each financial year.**
- **Primary care (general practice) - in the years (2018-2019), (2019-2020) and (2020-2021).**
 - **Community Services - in the years (2018-2019), (2019-2020) and (2020-21).**
 - **Secondary care (acute hospitals) - in the years (2018-2019), (2019-2020) and (2020-21).**

Please note that the CCG is only able to report on the cost of services we commission, and not the wider costs associated with chronic pain.

Primary Care - the CCG does not hold the specific data that you have requested.

Community Services - as stated previously GHCCG PCN Footprint commission a Pain Management Service within an MSK Service which is part of the main Care Closer to Home contract. The value of the NKCCG PCN Footprint is as follows:

2018/19	£116,388
2019/20	£101,431
2020/21	n/a

Secondary Care Services –

2018/19	£1,268,083
2019/20	£1,113,868
2020/21	£281,086

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