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I am responding to your request for information received 19 May 2021. This has been treated as a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

I am now enclosing a response which is attached to the end of this letter. Please do not hesitate to contact me on the contact details above if you have any further queries.

Yours sincerely,



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Information Governance Manager

If you are dissatisfied with the Trust's response to your FOIA request then you should contact us and we will arrange for an internal review of this decision.

If you remain dissatisfied with the decision following our response to your complaint, you may write to the Information Commissioner for a decision under Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

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Request:

Request under the freedom of Information Act 2000

Specialist headache clinics

- Question 1.** (a) Do you have a specialist headache clinic in your Trust?
(b) (i) If yes, please give details.
(ii) If no, please give details of the clinic you would refer out to.
- Question 2.** How many people did you support through your specialist headache clinics:
(a) in 2019?
(b) In 2020?
- Question 3.** What is the average waiting time from GP referral to first appointment at the specialist headache clinics in your Trust (current or for when you last had data)?
- Question 4.** (a) Has Covid-19 affected the services provided by your specialist headache clinic(s)? (E.g. staff redeployment, virtual services rather than face to face, anything else)
(b) If yes, please give details.
- Question 5.** How many full time equivalent (FTE) headache specialist doctors are employed by your Trust (in secondary care or GPs with an extended role)?
- Question 6.** How many FTE headache specialist nurses are employed by your Trust?
- Question 7.** (a) Do you have plans in 2021/22 to increase headache specialist services?
(b) If yes, please give details.
- Question 8.** (a) Do you have plans in 2021/22 to do additional work with GPs regarding education, community management or pathways?
(b) If yes, please give details.
(c) If no, please explain any reasons (e.g. budgets / other priorities / another organisations' responsibility).
- Question 9.** (a) Have you completed the Self-Assessment Questionnaire included in NHS RightCare's [Headache and Migraine Toolkit](#) within the past year?
(b) If yes, did this indicate that the requirements of the headache and migraine system were:
a. fully met
b. partially met
c. not met

Access to CGRP medication

- Question 10.** (a) Can eligible patients currently access Calcitonin Gene-Related Peptide (CGRP) medication through your Trust?
(b) If yes:
(i) How many people are accessing CGRP medication through your Trust?

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- (ii) What is the current waiting time to access a prescribing specialist?**
- (iii) Is the administration of CGRP treatments monitored by a headache specialist?**
- (iv) Are both Ajovy (fremanezumab) and Emgality (galcanezumab) available to patients?**
- (c) If no, do you refer and fund it out of area? Please give details.**

Training

- Question 11. (a) Do you have any education or training programmes with GPs in your area on migraine (e.g. regarding patient management in the community, patient information or referral pathways)?**
(b) If yes, or if any is planned, please give details.

Inequalities

- Question 12. (a) Are you aware of local inequalities of access to headache specialist services amongst any groups (e.g. by gender, ethnicity, disability, socio-economic groups)?**
(b) If yes, please give details of the inequalities and any work you are doing or planning to address this.

Answer: The Trust has reviewed your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.

Section 1(1) of the FOI Act states:

Any person making a request for information to a public authority is entitled—

- (a) to be informed in writing by the public authority whether it holds information of the description specified in the request, and*
- (b) if that is the case, to have that information communicated to him.*

East London NHS Foundation Trust is a mental health and community health trust and does not have a specialist headache clinic. The information is not held and therefore not disclosable.