

Reference: FOI.ICB-2223/067

Subject: Shared-care Arrangements for Transgender Patients

I can confirm that the ICB does hold some of the information requested; please see responses below:

QUESTION	RESPONSE
<p>I would like to see any guidance or policies created by the ICB (or its predecessor the CCG) in relation to shared-care arrangements for transgender patients, in particular any such guidance/policies issued to GP Practices in the area.</p> <p>I would also like to see the minutes of the meetings at which any such guidance/policies were adopted.</p>	<p>Gender Identity clinics are commissioned by NHS England. These clinics offer a multi-disciplinary approach and make recommendations on treatment. The provision of maintenance treatment within a shared care protocol is not commissioned by NHS England. Many GP practices continue maintenance prescribing from the gender identity clinic, but there is no compulsion to do this in the absence of a commissioned service.</p> <p>Prior to the establishment of the ICB, Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire Clinical Commissioning Group (BNSSG CCG) was in discussion with the NHS England regional team to establish a local commissioned pathway, however this was put on hold due to covid.</p> <p>The ICB has information on our referral pathways, on the below website, regarding clinics and treatment options for patients - https://remedy.bnssgccg.nhs.uk/formulary-adult/local-guidelines/6-endocrine-system-guidelines/</p>



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The information provided in this response is accurate as of 17 October 2022 and has been approved for release by David Jarrett, Director of Integrated and Primary Care for NHS Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire ICB.