

Reference: FOI.ICB-2324/307

Subject: Postural Tachycardia Syndrome PoTS

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

QUESTION	RESPONSE
<p>1. What is your estimate of the incidence of PoTS in the population of Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire (a) and how many patients have been diagnosed with the condition over the last 5 years (b)?</p>	<p>a. This is published online at https://remedy.bnssg.icb.nhs.uk/adults/cardiology/postural-orthostatic-tachycardia-syndrome-pots/ b. We do not hold this data</p>
<p>2. Is there evidence of a growth in PoTS diagnoses since May 2020 due to patients suffering with long-Covid?</p>	<p>The ICB does not hold this data, however the above/below link sets out how to manage patients presenting with suspected POTS related to Long Covid.</p>
<p>3. To which specialty within secondary care are PoTS patients referred for investigation, diagnosis and longer-term management?</p>	<p>This is published online at https://remedy.bnssg.icb.nhs.uk/adults/cardiology/postural-orthostatic-tachycardia-syndrome-pots/</p>
<p>4. Are there established ICB patient pathways in place for the referral, diagnosis and management of a) adult patients and b) paediatric patients with PoTS in your local population?</p>	<p>This is published online at https://remedy.bnssg.icb.nhs.uk/adults/cardiology/postural-orthostatic-tachycardia-syndrome-pots/</p>

<p>5. Do a) adult patients and b) paediatric patients diagnosed with PoTS have access to a specialised PoTS clinic or service for treatment by dedicated clinicians with an interest/expertise in the condition? If so, please provide details of individual adult and paediatric services patients are referred to.</p>	<p>This is published online at https://remedy.bnssg.icb.nhs.uk/adults/cardiology/postural-orthostatic-tachycardia-syndrome-pots/</p>
<p>6. How is activity coded for adult and paediatric patients with a diagnosis of PoTS?</p>	<p>Details relating to coding is available in the public domain. The following are two examples of resources: Classifications Browser (classbrowser.nhs.uk) SNOMED CT - Home (termbrowser.nhs.uk)</p>

The information provided in this response is accurate as of 21 November 2023 and has been approved for release by Sarah Truelove, Deputy Chief Executive and Chief Finance Officer for NHS Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire ICB.