

**Reference:** FOI.ICB-2324/321

**Subject:** Multi-medicine Pill Pouches

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

QUESTION	RESPONSE
<p>1. Within your ICS</p> <p>a) Where are you using multi medicine pill pouches? E.g., acute hospitals, mental health hospitals, nursing homes, residential care homes, patient’s homes.</p> <p>Kindly provide a name and department of this place.</p> <p>b) Which type of organization is requesting them? E.g., Hospitals, nursing homes, community care providers.</p> <p>c) Who provides these pouches? E.g., Hospitals, community pharmacies (Please state name &amp; address).</p>	<p>Multi medicine pill pouches are not used by the ICB and we do not hold information on whether other partner organisations use these pouches.</p> <p>The Trusts/Providers may hold some information, they can be contacted directly as follows:</p> <p>North Bristol NHS Trust (NBT) - <a href="https://www.nbt.nhs.uk/about-us/information-governance/freedom-information/request-information">https://www.nbt.nhs.uk/about-us/information-governance/freedom-information/request-information</a></p> <p>University Hospitals Bristol and Weston NHS Foundation Trust (UHBW) - <a href="https://www.uhbw.nhs.uk/p/how-we-use-your-data/freedom-of-information-foi-requests">https://www.uhbw.nhs.uk/p/how-we-use-your-data/freedom-of-information-foi-requests</a></p> <p>Sirona care and health - <a href="https://sirona-cic.org.uk/contact-sirona/">https://sirona-cic.org.uk/contact-sirona/</a></p> <p>Avon and Wiltshire Mental Health Partnership NHS Trust (AWP) - <a href="https://www.awp.nhs.uk/contact-us/freedom-information">https://www.awp.nhs.uk/contact-us/freedom-information</a></p>
<p>2. Does your ICS conduct continued care at home visits solely for the purpose of conducting medication adherence prompts?</p> <p>If so,</p>	<p>Medicine prompting is considered a social care task and would fall under the responsibility of the local authority.</p> <p>Bristol City Council - <a href="https://www.bristol.gov.uk/data-protection-foi/freedom-of-information-foi">https://www.bristol.gov.uk/data-protection-foi/freedom-of-information-foi</a></p>

<p>a) What type of patient are you providing this service for? E.g., Fragility, mental health, Parkinson’s disease, epilepsy.</p> <p>b) How many patients require these medication prompt visits per month?</p> <p>c) How long does it take for the staff member/ carer to conduct a patient medication prompt visit?</p>	<p>North Somerset Council - <a href="https://www.n-somerset.gov.uk/council-democracy/data-protection-freedom-information/freedom-information/about-freedom-information-foi">https://www.n-somerset.gov.uk/council-democracy/data-protection-freedom-information/freedom-information/about-freedom-information-foi</a></p> <p>South Gloucestershire Council - <a href="https://www.southglos.gov.uk/council-and-democracy/data-protection-and-freedom-of-information/making-a-freedom-of-information-request/">https://www.southglos.gov.uk/council-and-democracy/data-protection-and-freedom-of-information/making-a-freedom-of-information-request/</a></p>
<p>3. In your ICS, are you using medical devices or technology to improve medication adherence at home?</p> <p>If so,</p> <p>a) What type of device/ technology are you using?</p> <p>b) Is this device/ technology used in conjunction with patient medication prompt visits? Or has this reduced the number of medication prompt visits required?</p> <p>c) Are you planning on increasing investment or the number medication adherence solutions available to your local population to improve medicines adherence at home? (Especially for the most vulnerable patients.) If so, how?</p>	<p>Local authorities and our community healthcare provider offers various types of technology to support people to live more independently, some of which may be used to improve medication adherence at home.</p> <p>a. Local authorities and our community healthcare provider offer reminder devices, which the person can use to remind them to take medication if they wish to.</p> <p>b. Because these devices are not specifically to ensure people are adhering to their medication regime, they have not replaced prompt visits. The impact of these devices has not been measured against reduction in medication prompt visits.</p> <p>The ICB is currently running a project to determine the viability of medication adherence devices before making any decisions about increased investment in this area.</p>

***The information provided in this response is accurate as of 7 December 2023 and has been approved for release by Dr Joanne Medhurst, Chief Medical Officer for NHS Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire ICB.***