

FOI 3728

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 – INFORMATION REQUEST

	Question	Trust response
Service existence and configuration	Does your NHS body host, or directly provide a dedicated headache and/or migraine service/clinic? If yes, please specify whether it is: dedicated headache clinic; migraine clinic; neurology clinic with dedicated headache sessions; community service; or other (please describe).	The Southern Health and Social Care Trust Neurology Service deliver two SAS and three GPWSI clinics per week. The clinic template number vary but we see approximately 3 new service users per clinic and 3 service user review per clinic.
	Please provide the service name(s), provider organisation(s)/site(s), and patient group(s) served (adult, paediatric, or both).	The neurology Service within the Southern HSC Trust deliver this dedicated service at various trust wide sites. The service is delivered to service users aged 16 years and above.
Named clinical/service lead	Please provide the name, job title, and employing organisation of the current named clinical/service lead for the headache/migraine service/pathway	There is no official service lead.
	If there is no single named lead, please provide the name(s) and title(s) of the most senior clinician(s) responsible for headache/migraine care/pathway governance	The operational Head of Service for Neurology.
Workforce size (headcount and WTE): For the most recent 12-month period available (or the latest point-in-time establishment), please provide the staffing complement allocated to the headache/migraine service/pathway, broken down as follows:	Nurses (including headache specialist nurses/ANPs) – headcount and WTE, and banding (e.g., Agenda for Change band) if recorded.	Currently the Trust has one trained nurse, but funding is not aligned to service to deliver a Nurse led Service. We have a Physicians Associate 0.2WTE for headache.

	Pharmacists (clinical pharmacists, prescribing pharmacists, medicines optimisation) – headcount and WTE, and banding/grade if recorded	Currently the Trust have no pharmacist. The service area advocates non-pharmacologic intervention and would prefer to invest in physiotherapists or psychologists for the headache patient.
	Administrative/clerical staff – headcount and WTE, and banding/grade if recorded.	There currently is no specific or aligned funding to headache service. Administrative staff currently have been aligned from the secretarial teams within neurology.
	Any other staff groups materially involved in the service (optional but helpful): consultants/medical staff, allied health professionals, psychologist, physician associates – headcount and WTE.	Currently the Trust has no other staff groups involved.
Service capacity indicators (optional but helpful)	Number of headache/migraine clinics/sessions delivered per week or per month (or annual total).	11 sessions per month on average
	Number of new and follow up appointments for headache/migraine in the last 12 months (if recorded).	510 new appointments 369 review appointments (8/5/25-6/5/26)
	Current waiting time for first appointment (e.g., median or RTT measure used locally) for headache/migraine referrals.	Currently: New urgent: Longest wait 130 weeks, average wait 17 weeks New routine :Longest wait 114 weeks, average wait 64 weeks Review: 1 year backlog with approx. 500 patients waiting on a review appointment