

Freedom of Information Request

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Information Requested:

Could I please make request for the following information. When I say rTMS I mean all forms of TMS e.g. to include rTMS and theta burst.

1. How much does EPUT charge the Essex CCG's it serves for one treatment session of transcranial magnetic stimulation/rTMS for NHS funded patients?
£200
2. How many NHS funded patients have been treated by EPUT's private rTMS service or a very good estimate?
30
3. What types of NHS funding have been used to pay for these NHS funded patients rTMS? *I have heard of IFR and Individual Placements Team (IPT), but I am not expert on NHS bureaucracy. And believe IFR funding has replaced IPT, but i am no expert on NHS bureaucracy.*
Initially tertiary panel funding was being accepted, but the process has now been changed and funding has to be applied for via IFR.
4. Why has there been a change in the funding type for NHS patients?
The change from tertiary panel funding to IFR was at the request of the CCG's due to concern that there might be a conflict of interest via tertiary panel funding.
5. Has the change of NHS funding if it has occurred affected the number of NHS patients being treated? e.g. Have the number of NHS funded patients greatly reduced.
This cannot be quantified as the tertiary panel funding was only in place for a few months when we first opened the clinic.
6. Can break the types of funding down e.g. IFR=120 patients, IPT=500 patients, or give at least an indication of the main sources of NHS funding as approximate percentages. I am trying to find out if the majority of NHS patients are being funded by one particular type of NHS funding or another.
100% of NHS funding is via IFR for any Essex patient as this is the only application that is accepted by our CCGs.
7. Are patients still being funded via one type e.g. IPT if this is how their NHS funding started and will it continue in this form indefinitely, rather than an IFR having to be made to e.g. continue to provide maintenance rTMS treatment.
All patients that are accepted for funding is only via IFR.

8. How many NHS funded patients from Mid Essex CCG have been treated by the EPUT rTMS service?
2
 9. Can you break down the types of funding for the NHS patients of Mid Essex CCG or at least give approximate percentages?
100% IFR
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