

Freedom of Information Request

Reference Number: [EPUT.FOI.21.1902](#)

Date Received: [Legal Team](#)

Information Requested:

1. Please could you confirm the name, job title and email address of the individual responsible for commissioning IAPT services?
South East Essex
[Sam Ball \(Commissioning – Mental Health, Integrated Commissioning Team\)](#)
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North East Essex
[Rob Chandler \(North East Essex CCG's Mental Health Transformation Lead\)](#)
Robert.Chandler2@nhs.net
2. Please could you confirm if the Trust is the current provider of IAPT services and if not who the provider is?
[EPUT currently provides IAPT services in North East Essex and South East Essex including Southend and Castlepoint & Rochford](#)
3. If the Trust is the provider of the IAPT service, please could you confirm the name, job title and email address of the individual responsible for managing the IAPT service?
[Kerry Coker \(Head of IAPT Services\) Kerry.coker@nhs.net](#)
4. If different from the above, please could you confirm the name, job title and email address of the individual responsible for managing and improving waiting times for the IAPT service on behalf of the Trust
[As above](#)
5. Please could you confirm the current total cost of the IAPT service and duration of the contract?
[The Trust is unable to provide the costings as it believes that this information is of commercial interest and may prejudice either the supplier or the Trust. The Trust is therefore applying Section 43 of the Act \(Commercial Interests\).](#)

[However the Trust can provide the contract details as follows:](#)

[The duration of the South East Essex contract is 5 years which commenced as of 1st April 2019.](#)

[The duration of the North East Essex contract is 7 years which commenced as of 1st April 2021.](#)

6. Please could you confirm when the IAPT service will next be re-tendered on the basis of the current contract duration?

This would be a commissioning decision or when the current contract ends which will be 31st March 2024 (South East Essex) and 31st March 2028 (North East Essex)

7. Please confirm the total number of individuals who have currently been waiting more than 6 months for counselling services?

In South East Essex, as of 19.3.2021 there are no patients waiting more than 6 months for treatment. The waiting list in North East Essex has been received from the previous provider and we are still ascertaining number of days waiting

8. Please could you confirm if you have a provider of digital IAPT services (either as a sub-contract to the overall provider or as a separate contract), and if so who the digital provider is and what services they provide to patients?

The Trust has a sub-contract provision via IESO Digital Health who are our online CBT providers of talk type therapy. The Trust also has a website platform that offers online psychoeducation treatment videos. This is Trust owned and is in partnership with Omnitherapy.

Applied Exemption:

Section 43 (Commercial Interests):

- (1) Information is exempt information if it constitutes a trade secret
- (2) Information is exempt information if its disclosure under this Act would, or would be likely to; prejudice the commercial interests of any person (including the public authority holding it)
- (3) The duty to confirm or deny does not arise if, or to the extent that, compliance with section 1(1)(a) would, or would be likely to, prejudice the interests mentioned in subsection (2)

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