

Freedom of Information Request

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Information Requested:

TMS treatment requests made by Eput vary significantly depending on patient location in Essex,

1) Why is there such disparity on TMS treatment requests made by Eput (currently ifr) depending on where you live in Essex?

For example Basildon and Brentwood area there have been 13 IFR requests for TMS to date However in the Southend only 1 IFR request to date

Any referral for a patient that requires Commissioner funding, regardless of where they live in Essex has an IFR application made for them. It is not dependent on patient address.

And ask for a review based on

1, as the ccg are partner organisation of Eput and you work closely together can you not liaise on my behalf or someone in Eput already knows the answer eg Dr Pillay or Dr Karale or they would know how to find out?

Especially as the Eput website says when eg patients make contact you may need to liaise with your partner organisations eg the Essex CCG

You have not stated what it is you wish EPUT to liaise with the CCG about on your behalf specifically. In relation to the Essex rTMS Service, we will only liaise with the IFR Team about specific referrals that have been sent to them through our service. The CCG IFR Team has a process to follow and set of criteria that each application for funding needs to meet. The CCG would be in a better position to answer queries about this, as it is not controlled by EPUT.

2, or is this just another NHS bureaucratic hurdle being put in the way so answers are never revealed?

The IFR process is one that belongs to the CCG and therefore you may wish to direct queries in regards to this to:

NHS Basildon and Brentwood Clinical Commissioning Group

Phoenix Court
Christopher Martin Road
Basildon
Essex SS14 3HG

Southend CCG

Floor 6

Southend-on-Sea Borough Council

Victoria Avenue

Southend-on-Sea

SS2 6ER

3, In the past i have found i have to provide Eput with a lot personal information (some was not relevant in my opinion at all), but then not provided with answers to important questions I put?

We have provided answers to the best of our ability to all questions posed to us.

4, But Eput itself is not so happy with providing information to the public or patients when it raises questions like the TMS disparity above?

Please refer to my response to Q3 that we have attempted to provide answers to all questions posed to us.

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