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Subject	About mechanical clot retrieval (thrombectomy) for patients presenting acutely with stroke
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Reply Extract

You asked

I would be grateful if you could respond to the following series of questions under the Freedom of Information Act. They relate to any service you provide for mechanical clot retrieval (thrombectomy) for patients presenting acutely with stroke.

- 1. Do you currently offer a mechanical clot retrieval (thrombectomy) service for patients presenting acutely with stroke?**

Yes, but not as a commissioned service

- 2. When did the service commence (or when do you plan for the service to commence)?**

We have been performing mechanical thrombectomies since Jan 2013.

- 3. During what hours of the day and on what days of the week is the service currently operational?**

There are no sets hours of the day/days of the week as to when this service is operational.

- 4. When do you plan for the service to be operational 24 hours a day, 7 days a week in line with NICE guidance?**

The Trust is awaiting this service to be commissioned before finalising plans for the service to be operational 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

You may wish to approach the Clinical Commissioning Groups for their advice on this matter.

to the local CCGs and their Freedom of information contact points:

- 1. For NHS Northern Eastern and Western Devon Clinical Commissioning Group**

Email: d-ccg.foi@nhs.net

2. For South Devon and Torbay CCG

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3. For NHS Kernow CCG

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5. Is the service funded through nationally mandated tariffs or through locally agreed tariff(s)?

The treatments are not funded separately but are funded as an integral part of the patient's entire episode of care in accordance with the national tariff for the appropriate Healthcare Resource Group.

6. If funded through national tariff, which HRGs are used to charge commissioners for this activity?

The HRGs under which mechanical thrombectomies have been recorded will be driven by the procedures and diagnosis codes recorded by the Trust's clinical coders upon review of the completed patient notes. The HRGs under which the majority of these procedures have been recorded were:

HRG	HRG Description
AA22A	Non-Transient Stroke or Cerebrovascular Accident, Nervous System Infections or Encephalopathy, with complications
AA16B	Minor Intracranial Procedures Except Trauma with Non-Transient Stroke or Cerebrovascular Accident, Nervous System Infections or Encephalopathy, without complications
QZ15B	Therapeutic Endovascular Procedures with Intermediate complications

7. If funded through locally agreed tariffs:

N/A

a. What is/are the locally agreed price(s) for the procedure?

N/A

b. What criteria are used to differentiate between any different prices?

Allocation to the appropriate Healthcare Resource Group is dependent on the coding applied to the entire episode of care the patient receives.

c. Is this charged in addition to (or instead of) the inpatient non-elective tariff?

No additional payment is received above the standard national tariff for the episode of care.

8. Is the cost of any device(s) used to undertake the procedure charged separately from the above tariffs?

No

Attachments included: No