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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST FOI/013165 - Community neurology nurses/Parkinson's disease'

1) How many Community Neurology Specialist Nurses have been funded since April 2013 – please can the figures be broken down by year?

<u>Year</u>	<u>WTE</u>
2013 – 2014	1.80 (Month 1 – 7), 2.80 (Month 8 – 12)
2014 – 2015	2.80
2015 – 2016	2.80
2016 – 2017	1.80

2) Who funded and provided the nurses each year?

Dudley Group funded all the above except for one post which was funded by Parkinsons UK for 24 months. 1.00wte post was funded by Parkinsons UK from Nov13-Oct 15. We have another Parkinsons nurse funded by the Trust

3) Of these nursing positions, how many were solely dedicated to treating Parkinson’s Disease patients, broken down by financial year since April 2013?

<u>Year</u>	<u>WTE</u>
2013 – 2014	1.00 (Month 1 – 7), 2.00 (Month 8 – 12)
2014 – 2015	2.00
2015 – 2016	2.00
2016 – 2017	2.00

4) And how many of the Community Neurology Specialist Nurses specialise in Parkinson’s Disease but treat other neurology patients, broken down by financial year since April 2013?

The specialist nurses are trained to treat parkinsons disease only rather than all neurology patients.

5) How many patients have been referred to specialist neurology nurses, broken down by financial year since April 2013?

<u>Year</u>	<u>First attend</u>	<u>Follow up</u>
13 – 14	131	
14 – 15	287	
15 – 16	127	
16 – 17	82	

First attender figures.

6) Of these patients, how many have been referred because of having Parkinson’s Disease, broken down by financial year since April 2013?

We do not hold referrals by referral reason so these reflect the Parkinsons CNS attendances from 01/04/2013 to 31/10/2016

Slot type	2013 – 2014	2014 – 2015	2015 – 2016	2016 – 2017
First	130	413	386	89

7) What is the average waiting time for neurology patients to see a specialist neurology nurse, broken down by financial year since April 2013?

We don't have data available for 2013-2014, but the average wait in days to see a specialist nurse for the other years is as follows

<u>Year</u>	<u>Waiting time</u>
2014 – 2015	42
2015 – 2016	39
2016 – 2017	37

8) What is the average waiting time for Parkinson's Disease patients to see a specialist neurology nurse, broken down by financial year since April 2013?

All of the Parkinson's nurse outpatient activity is ward attendances, so the wait time is 0 as they are being visited as an inpatient.

9) How much money has been spent by the provider(s) on specialist neurology nursing positions, broken down by financial year since April 2013?

<u>Year</u>	<u>Overall Spend</u>
2013 – 2014	£82,608
2014 – 2015	£132,411
2015 – 2016	£134,867
2016 – 2017 (forecast)	£87,779

10) How much money has been spent by the provider(s) on dedicated Parkinson's disease nursing positions, broken down by financial year since April 2013?

<u>Year</u>	<u>Parkinsons</u>
2013 – 2014	£57,135
2014 – 2015	£99,999
2015 – 2016	£100,319
2016 – 2017 (forecast)	£51,814

11) How many times have proposals been rejected to fund new Community Neurology Specialist Nurses, broken down by financial year since April 2013?

No formal proposal for funding had been made, either via an internal business case or request to the CCG.

12) How many times have proposals been rejected to fund a dedicated Parkinson's Disease nurse position, broken down by financial year since April 2013?

The Trust has two Parkinsons disease nurses. No further proposals have been made to fund another