

Freedom of Information request 492-18

Request & Response

MND Dietetic Services

1. In your organisation how many full time equivalent dietetic posts do you have?

16.38 WTE posts

2. Do you have dietetic posts that are specifically funded for MND services ?

No

3. If yes,
- How many full time equivalent posts do you have?
 - What grade are they?
4. If no, which dietitians see patients with MND? Please list all posts including their job title and grade.

Please find below all dietetic posts that see patients with MND:

Job Posts	Grade
Rotational Dietitian	5
Permanent SWMT + rotational	5
Catering post + Pharmacy	6
Senior I Community	6
Senior I Acute	6
Senior I + SWMT	6 + 7
Deputy Dietetic Manager + Senior I Acute	7
LD Dietitian + Senior I Community	6

5. In your organisation,
- How many new patients with MND were seen by the dietetic service in each of the last three years, and where were they seen?

Please find below data recorded on the electronic patient management system:

Year	Hospital inpatient	Hospital outpatient	Domiciliary visit	Community clinic	Other (please state)
2017				5	
2016				<5	
2015				<5	

- b. How many review contacts for patients with MND were seen by the dietetic service in each of the last three years, and where were they seen?

Please find below data recorded on the electronic patient management system:

Year	Hospital inpatient	Hospital outpatient	Domiciliary visit	Community clinic	Other (please state)
2017				5	
2016				<5	
2015				<5	

- c. How many dietetic patients contacts (new and review) were for oral nutrition support, and how many were for artificial nutrition support, in each of the last three years?

This information is not recorded on the electronic patient management system, therefore we are unable to provide.

Year	All healthcare settings		Hospital settings (in-patients and out-patients)		Community settings (clinics and domiciliary visits)	
	Oral nutrition support	Artificial nutrition support	Oral nutrition support	Artificial nutrition support	Oral nutrition support	Artificial nutrition support
2017						
2016						
2015						

Commissioning of MND Nutrition Services

6. Where does the funding come from for services for patients with MND in your locality?

Funding in respect of our MND service comes from annual recurring revenue allocation awarded by the Scottish Government to NHS Borders. This allocation is then divided among the services provided by the Board and appears under the various budget headings of those departments who contribute to the service provision for our MND patients. This allocation process is informed by the Board's strategic planning process.

7. Which organisations and departments are involved in each stage of the commissioning process of **nutritional services** for patients with MND in your locality:
- Strategic planning (assessing needs, reviewing service provisions, deciding priorities)
 - Procuring services (designing services, shaping structure of supply, planning capacity and managing demand)
 - Delivery of services (which department and where are they located?)
 - Monitoring and evaluation (supporting patient choice, managing performance, seeking public and patient views)

There is no specific allocation for MND. Patients with this condition are cared for as part of the overall service delivered by our Neurology clinicians.

NHS Borders has a clinical strategy and based upon this funds (from our recurring revenue budget) are allocated to departments which are managed within the Boards Clinical Division management structure.

Service delivery is managed by means of the Board's performance management arrangements and reported by means of local budget and activity reports which inform national performance returns.

MND services are run in partnership with the NHS Lothian MND service. MND clinics take place every 3 months at BGH and are run jointly by the BGH Neurology Consultants and MND Regional Care Specialists. There are defined links between the MND service at the BGH and community allied professions and district nurses. The service is supported by the clinical nutrition and palliative care teams locally and with outreach from the home ventilation team based in Edinburgh.

8. Where does the funding come from for **nutritional services** for patients with MND (e.g. nutrition and dietetics service) in your locality?

Funding arrangements described as above.

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The request for a review should include your name and address for correspondence, the request for information to which the request relates and the issue which you wish to be reviewed. Please state the reference number **492-18** on this request. Your request should be made within 40 working days from receipt of this letter.

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