

Ref: FOI 201

10th January 2020

Dear Requestor

Request made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000

On 12 December 2019 you sent a request, made under the Freedom of Information Act, relating to repetitive transcranial magnetic stimulation. I now provide this information as an attachment.

I trust that this is the information you require and that your request has been fully discharged.

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If you have queries about this response, please do not hesitate to contact me quoting the above reference number.

Yours sincerely

Signature Removed

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NHS Dorset Clinical Commissioning Group

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Q1:

Do you currently commission repetitive transcranial magnetic stimulation (rTMS), through:

- (1) Individual Funding Requests or
- (2) core commissioned contracts
- (3) Prior Approval?

Response:

- (1) NHS Dorset CCG have not received any requests for this intervention through the IPT process.
- (2) No, NHS Dorset CCG does not specifically commission RTMS via our core commissioned Mental Health service contract with Dorset Healthcare.
- (3) The CCG does not operate a prior approval system here in Dorset.

Q2:

If you are not currently commissioning repetitive transcranial magnetic stimulation (rTMS), are you considering commissioning it through either Individual Funding Requests, Prior Approval or core commissioned contracts in the next two, five or ten years?

Response:

No, NHS Dorset CCG does not have any plans to commission RTMS via a core contract with Dorset HealthCare as part of the Mental Health service.

Q3:

Are commissioners considering any new treatments, other than drug or psychological therapies, for depression, treatment-resistant depression, anxiety, obsessive compulsive disorder (OCD), addiction, post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) in the next two, five or ten years?

Response:

No, NHS Dorset CCG have no plans for new treatments for the diseases listed.