



## Freedom of Information request & West Norfolk CCG response

### WN-2016-00022 – Chronic Pain Referrals

1. The definition of calculation used for new to follow up ratios for chronic pain referrals.

*Please see the attached file.*

2. The data for new to follow up for chronic pain referrals for your CCG for the years April 2010 to April 2015

*NHS South Norfolk CCG, NHS West Norfolk CCG and NHS Norwich CCG only came into existence from 1 April 2013, therefore information prior to this date is not held.*

*The information requested from April 2013 to April 2015 is not held by the CCG.*

*First to follow up ratios are not generally calculated at a CCG-level as each provider could have a significantly different rate due to pathway design/coding differences; the data is not constructed this way. In this regard, it is advised you refer your request to the local Acute providers who may hold the information you seek.*

*NHS South Norfolk and NHS Norwich CCGs' local Acute provider is [Norfolk and Norwich University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust](#)*

*NHS West Norfolk CCG's local Acute provider is [The Queen Elizabeth Hospital King's Lynn NHS Foundation Trust](#)*

3. Is the calculation used for new and follow-up in Chronic Pain a local or national definition?

*National definition.*

4. Can you provide the wording of the definition used?

*Please see the attached file.*

5. Does the New to follow up ratio calculation that is used by your organisation for Chronic Pain also apply to other specialties?

Yes

**6. If no - please explain the differences in the calculations.**

*n/a*