**FOI Ref: 6662**

**Category(ies): Trust – Policies**

**Subject: Myalgic Encephalomyelitis/ Chronic Fatigue Syndrome**

**Date Received: 17/10/2022**

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| **Your request:** | **Our response:** |
| Please can you provide me with the following information: |
| 1. Has The Rotherham NHS Foundation Trust implemented the *NICE guidelines [NG206] on Myalgic Encephalomyelitis/ Chronic Fatigue Syndrome: diagnosis and management*, which were published on 29 October 2021?

If the NICE guidelines [*NG206*] on the diagnosis and management of ME/CFS have not been implemented, what is the intended timetable and deadline for implementation? | We are not commissioned to provide a service. As per NICE guidance our role is in making a diagnosis and then discharging the patient back to their GP in order to follow NICE guidance for treatment. |
| 1. How many patients with a diagnosis of ME/CFS are receiving care from The Rotherham NHS Foundation Trust as of the date of this FOI request?
 | None in rheumatology long term as they should be discharged at the first appointment. |
| 1. Of those receiving care for ME/CFS from The Rotherham NHS Foundation Trust, how many have a personalised care and support plan in place as of the date of this FOI request?
 | N/A |
| 1. What training has been provided by The Rotherham NHS Foundation Trust for healthcare professionals on the implementation of the *NICE guidelines [NG206] on diagnosis and management of ME/CFS since 29 October 2021*?
 | Medical staff within the department who see these patients are aware of the NICE guidance. |
| 1. What written information is being provided to health professionals and patients on websites in line with the recommendations on diagnosis and management in the NICE guidelines [NG206].
 | We sign post them to the Versus arthritis information and paper copies are distributed to the patient when they are seen in clinic. |