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# Epilepsy Action: Mapping of Acute Trust services

Thank you for taking the time to answer this questionnaire. The objective of the research is to help Epilepsy Action understand the levels of key aspects of current and future provision for patients with epilepsy.

**Q1** What is the name of your Trust?

The Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust

**Q2** Does your Trust provide:

A diagnostic service for epilepsy

Outpatient treatment for epilepsy

Surgical treatments for epilepsy

None of the above

**Q3** When patients with epilepsy are admitted to your service for another condition, who would manage their epilepsy?

Adults (18 years and over)

Physicians and Neurologist

Children (under 18 years)

Paediatricians

## Specialist services

**Q4** How often in 2011-12 have you held:

	Every week	Every two weeks	At least once a month	Every three months	Every six months	More than once a year	Less than once a year	Not available at the Trust
General neurology clinics	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>						
General epilepsy clinics	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>						
First seizure clinics	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Transition clinics (paediatric to adult services)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Transition clinics (adult to geriatric services)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Pre-surgical clinics	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Pre-conception counselling clinics	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

**Q5** How many adult epilepsy specialists\* can patients access through your Trust?

0

\*An epilepsy specialist is defined as a consultant with expertise in epilepsy as demonstrated by training and continuing education in epilepsy, peer review and regular adult of diagnosis. Epilepsy must be a significant part of their clinical workload (equivalent to at least one session a week).

**Q6** How many paediatric epilepsy specialists can patients access through your Trust?

1

- Q7 How many neurologists (non-epilepsy specialist) can patients access through your Trust?**  
3  
Whole-time equivalent 2
- Q8 How many paediatrics neurologists can patients access through your Trust?**  
0
- Q9 How many neuropsychiatrists can patients access through your Trust?**  
0
- Q10 How many neuropsychologists can patients access through your Trust?**  
0
- Q11 How many paediatricians can patients access through your Trust?**  
8  
Whole-time equivalent 7.5
- Q12 How many geriatricians can patients access through your Trust?**  
5
- Q13 How many neurosurgeons can patients access through your Trust?**  
0
- Q14 For adults with suspected epilepsy to see an epilepsy specialist:**  
**No epilepsy specialist on site**  
What is the average waiting time, in days, as recorded on 15 March 2012? NA  
What is the longest recorded waiting time, in days as recorded on 15 March 2012? NA
- Q15 For adults with suspected epilepsy to see a neurologist (non-epilepsy specialist):**  
**Choose & book appointments are open to 8 weeks, so most patients are seen within that time frame. We cannot measure the epilepsy base from oasis data. Urgent appointments are available each week.**  
What is the average waiting time, in days, as recorded on 15 March 2012?  
What is the longest recorded waiting time, in days, as recorded on 15 March 2012?
- Q16 For a child with suspected epilepsy to see an epilepsy specialist consultant or paediatrician with a special interest in epilepsy:**  
What is the average waiting time, in days, as recorded on 15 March 2012? **5 weeks however urgent slots available each week**  
What is the longest recorded waiting time, in days, as recorded on 15 March 2012? **There isn't really a wait, it would be dealt with under an urgent appointment or an overbook**

**Q17 For a child with suspected epilepsy to see a paediatrician (non-epilepsy specialist):**  
 What is the average waiting time, in days, as recorded on 15 March 2012? **Urgent slots available each week. Routine 3 weeks average.**  
 What is the longest recorded waiting time, in days, as recorded on 15 March 2012?

**Q18 How many epilepsy nurse specialists do adults with epilepsy have routine access to through your Trust?**

0

**Q19 How many epilepsy nurse specialists do children with epilepsy have routine access to through your Trust?**

0

**Q20 How many epilepsy nurse specialists do adults with epilepsy and learning disabilities have routine access to through your Trust?**

0

**Q21 Are the following investigations available for people with epilepsy, or suspected epilepsy, available from your Trust?**

	Yes	No, refer elsewhere	None available
Standard EEG	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ambulatory EEG	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
MRI	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
CT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Video telemetry	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Q22 What is the average waiting time, in days, for the following?**

Standard EEG	48 days
Ambulatory EEG	91 days
MRI	35 days
CT	21 days
Video telemetry	180 days

**Q23 Do you ever refer patients with epilepsy (or suspected epilepsy) to tertiary centres for diagnosis, treatment or ongoing care?**

Yes

No

**Q24 Please say which tertiary centres you refer patients to and the number of referrals made in 2011-12.**

**University Hospital Birmingham**

## Care planning

A care plan is a written statement specifying objectives for the future, and how the objectives will be met, which is an agreement between practitioners, individuals and their carers or families. (National Service Framework for Long-Term Conditions, 2005)

Q25 Are patients with epilepsy routinely offered a care plan?

Yes

No

Q26 What percentage of your patients with epilepsy currently have a written care plan?0

Q27 How are clinicians able to interact with a patient's care plan? (Tick all that apply)

Care plans are not used

View online/electronically

Amend online/electronically

View a printed copy

Add notes to a printed copy

## Accident and emergency

Q28 Does your Trust operate an A&E department?

Yes

No

Q29 How many adults presented to your A&E department with seizures, or suspected seizures, in the 2011-12 financial year?

There were 100 patients presenting at ED in 2011/12 who had the word seizure in the free text. The Trust does not have a specific presenting code for seizure

What percentage is this number of all adult admissions for ambulatory care sensitive conditions

How many were admitted to inpatients 47 were admitted

How many were referred to first-seizure clinic, epilepsy specialist or general neurologist

This information is not recorded on the Trust's Patient Administration System

How many were only referred to primary care

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Q30

Children (under 18 years)

38 patients presented at ED had the word seizure written in the free text field (The Trust does not have a specific presenting code for seizure)

What percentage is this number of all paediatric admissions for ambulatory care sensitive conditions

How many were admitted to inpatients 28 were admitted

How many were referred to epilepsy specialist consultant or a paediatrician with a special interest in epilepsy

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How many were only referred to primary care

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- Q31 Can you refer directly from your A&E department to a first seizure clinic?**  
*Yes, within the Trust*   
*Yes, outside the Trust*   
*No*
- Q32 Do you have a protocol for someone presenting to A&E after a suspected first seizure?**  
*Yes*   
*No*
- Q33 Do you have a protocol for someone with a diagnosis of epilepsy presenting to A&E with seizure symptoms?**  
*Yes*   
*No*
- Q34 After presenting to A&E with a suspected seizure, how many patients take the following pathways?**  
**These are answered above on Q 29 & 30**  
Referred to primary care (eg. GP)  
Admitted to inpatients  
Referred to epilepsy specialist or general neurologist  
No further action  
Others, please state and give numbers
- Q35 May we contact you in the further for information or clarification?**  
*Yes*   
*No*
- Q36**  
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- Q37 Who at your Trust should we send a copy of the final report to?**  
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**Thank you**