… requesting information regarding **Punctate Inner Choroidopathy (PIC)** in Ashford Clinical Commissioning Group

1. **How much does it cost, on average, to treat a patient with Punctate Inner Choroidopathy (PIC)?**

I can confirm NHS Ashford Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) does not hold this information. May we suggest you redirect this part of your request to the East Kent Hospitals University NHS Foundation Trust who may be able to help you. Their contact details are as follows: foi.recordsoffice@ekht.nhs.uk

2. **In the last 12 months how many patients have been diagnosed with PIC and had their treatment funded by you?**

I can confirm no patient has been diagnosed with PIC in the NHS Ashford CCG area, nor have they received any funding requests for PIC treatment.

3. **In the last 12 months how many patients have been diagnosed with PIC and have self funded their treatment?**

I can confirm NHS Ashford CCG does not hold this information.

4. **In the last 5 years how many patients have been diagnosed with PIC and had their treatment funded by you?**

NHS Ashford CCG only came into being on 1 April 2013; therefore they do not hold information prior to April 2013. From April 2013 no patient has been diagnosed with PIC in the NHS Ashford CCG area, nor have they received any funding requests for PIC treatment.

5. **In the last 5 years how many patients have been diagnosed with PIC and have self funded their treatment?**

I can confirm NHS Ashford CCG does not hold this information.

6. **On average, how long does it take for a person who is diagnosed with PIC to begin treatment, including the time for any appeals?**

Should a patient within the NHS Ashford CCG area be diagnosed with PIC, it may be submitted to the CCG via the individual funding request (IFR) process. On their website NHS Ashford CCG hold all the information relevant for this process, with a policy and procedure showing timelines etc. The information can be accessed on the following link:

However, it is highly possible such requests would be the commissioning responsibility of NHS England, as they manage uncommon eye conditions. Should you wish to contact them, their details are as follows:

NHS England
PO Box 16738
Redditch
B97 9PT

Email requests should be sent to england.contactus@nhs.net

Please write “Freedom of Information” in the subject line.