1. Introduction

Dorset HealthCare University NHS Foundation Trust’s Community Brain Injury Service (CBIS) provides an Acquired Brain Injury (ABI) Clinical Case Management Service to NHS Dorset Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG). This is for patients approved for specialist rehabilitation funding under the ABI Named Patient Programme where significant scope for rehabilitation and goals to achieve this have been identified.

2. Service Provision

2.1 The ABI Clinical Case Management Service oversees the organisational and clinical elements of all NHS Dorset CCG patients who are funded under the Named Patient Programme (NPP) for specialist ABI placements/packages.

This encompasses the following components;

- assistance with preparation of NPP proposals and recommendations for submission to the CCG as the commissioner for consideration/approval as appropriate.
- lead contact for patient/family and all agencies following admission.
- regular meetings with the client, their family and the provider organisation to monitor progress against rehabilitation goals, both jointly and separately to ensure clinical governance.
- to convene and attend all patient reviews on behalf of the CCG.
- clinical input into revising/prescribing therapy approaches to develop community reintegration/discharge preparation.
- responsibility for referrals to / liaison with Social Services and other partner organisations associated with the patient placement and discharge from the specialist placement.
- provision of regular liaison with the hospital service’s Consultant in Rehabilitation and Brain Injury regarding patient progress and clinical updates.
- ensure that any factors likely to influence or effect the placement, resulting in any cost implications are promptly relayed to the CCG as the Commissioner.
- involvement in the completion of Continuing Health Care (CHC) applications as appropriate
• Liaison with the CCG.

3. Reporting Mechanisms to NHS Dorset CCG

3.1 All decisions regarding the ABI placement and/or ABI provider and all funding decisions or contract variations will remain with NHS Dorset CCG (and/or the relevant Social Services as appropriate).

3.2 The Clinical Case Manager and Community Brain Injury Service Manager will coordinate the quarterly ABI Clinical Case Management Meeting involving the NHS Commissioners from NHS Dorset CCG, the Consultant in Rehabilitation and Brain Injury and Lead Neuropsychologist. The meeting will provide for update and discussion on existing placements and the progress of individual patients in attaining their specific rehabilitation goals.

3.3 The service will also provide ad-hoc verbal and emailed updates to the CCG as commissioner as required.

4. Service Costs

The cost of the above service to provide an ABI Clinical Case Management Service to all NHS Dorset CCG patients whose specialist rehabilitation is funded under the NPP arrangements for 2013/2014 is £28,258. This sum will be included in the contract between NHS Dorset CCG and Dorset HealthCare NHS Foundation Trust and will be effected through a Contract Variation Order.

This cost will include all staff, travel, administrative and training costs associated with the ABI Clinical Case Management service.

5. Activity

The Community Brain Injury service will provide Clinical Case Management for all NHS Dorset CCG patients deemed eligible for ABI Named Patient Funding.

The total numbers will always be fluid, dependent on patient need and eligibility to the ABI Named Patient Funding and the varying duration and complexity of each rehabilitation package, which is tailored to each patient.

The cost of the service will not be amended to reflect changes to the number of patients in year. Any substantial changes to the number of patients will be discussed on an annual basis.