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9th November 2016,

Re: Freedom of Information Request

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request that we received on 2nd November 2016, with regards to arthroplasty referrals.

Request/**Response**

1) Does your commissioning group fund the procedures listed?

Liverpool Clinical Commissioning Group funds processes listed in our commissioning policy providing the patient meets the criteria for the specific procedure listed in the commissioning policy:

Link- <http://www.liverpoolccg.nhs.uk/media/1735/final-liverpool-ccg-commissioning-policy-13-05-2015-for-website.pdf>

2) If the procedures listed are funded, what inclusion and exclusion criteria exist for each procedure?

Please see policy above.

3) If a procedure is not listed does this mean it is funded?

All procedures funded by Liverpool Clinical Commissioning Group are listed in the policy above. There are occasional Exemptions although in general cosmetic procedures are not funded.

4) If criteria exist how were these developed and what evidence base was used in the development of these criteria?

A Working development group across Cheshire & Merseyside, public consultation and provider consultation.

5) Was a plastic surgeon included in the process of developing the criteria?

Liverpool clinical Commissioning Group does not hold this information.

6) If a procedure is not funded what if any means of challenge is available to the patient or their advocate?

If a clinician believes their patient to be exceptional to the policy then they can submit an application as an individual funding request (IFR).

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Information Commissioners Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
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www.ico.gov.uk

Should you require any further information, clarification regarding this response or do not feel that your request has been answered as you would expect, please contact us to discuss.

Yours sincerely,

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