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## Re: Freedom of Information Request

Thank you for your request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 which was received into this office on 8<sup>th</sup> February 2017.

### You Asked for:

We would like to know if you have changed your policies regarding funding for facial palsy treatments and/or surgery in the past 18 months since the previous FOI request was made?

### Our Response:

NHS Wirral Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) has not changed its policy in the last 18 months. I have included the detail below from the Procedures of Low Clinical Priority (PLCP) policy in relation to facial palsy, for your information. A copy of the full policy document is also available on our website:

<https://www.wirralccg.nhs.uk/About%20Us/PLCP.htm>

14.18	Rhytidectomy - Face or Brow Lift	This procedure is not available under the NHS on cosmetic grounds. Routinely commissioned in the following circumstances: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Congenital facial abnormalities.</li> <li>• Facial palsy.</li> <li>• Treatment of specific conditions affecting the facial skin, e.g. cutis, laxa, pseudoxanthoma elasticum, neurofibromatosis.</li> </ul>	Modernisation Agency's Action on Plastic Surgery 2005. <u>Procedures of Limited Clinical Effectiveness Phase 1 - Consolidation and repository of the existing evidence-base</u> - London Health Observatory 2010. Interim Gender Dysphoria Protocol & Service Guidelines 2013/14.	Changes to the face and brow result due to normal ageing; however, there are a number of specific conditions for which these procedures may form part of the treatment to restore
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			<u>NHS England interim protocol</u>	
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