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 8th 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:  • Congenital facial abnormalities.  • Facial palsy.  • Treatment of specific conditions affecting the facial skin, e.g. cutis laxa, pseudoxanthoma elasticum, neurofibromatosis. | Modernisation Agency’s Action on Plastic Surgery 2005. Procedures of Limited Clinical Effectiveness Phase 1 - Consolidation and repository of the existing evidence-base - 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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