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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 20th February 2017.

You Asked for:

We are interested in conducting a research project that would assess the effects of providing assistive devices and hip precautions following total hip replacement (THR) on patients' functioning and mobility post-operatively.

We are aware that certain hospitals have proceed to discontinue the provision of these devices and/or precautions but we do not know which ones so we would like to have a list of all sites that have done so in the UK.

NHS England informed us that they are unable to respond satisfactorily to our enquiry or provide us with appropriate information as they do not commission secondary care services such as hospital services but Clinical Commissioning Groups do. Therefore, they suggested we contact the relevant Clinical Commissioning Group regarding our enquiry

Our Response:

The Orthotics department at Wirral University Teaching Hospital NHS Foundation Trust receive a small number of referrals following hip surgery (which may include, but is not restricted to total hip replacement), for hip abduction braces which are supplied to the patient.

If you would like to contact Wirral University Teaching Hospital NHS Foundation Trust directly please see their contact details below:

wih-tr.AccessToInformationOffice@nhs.net.

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