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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 12<sup>th</sup> April 2016.

### You Asked for:

1. **Any services which were provided in your CCG area at the establishment of the CCG, which are no longer provided.**

2.

Please see below a list of services which were provided within the Wirral Clinical Commissioning Group area at the establishment of the CCG:

- Early Onset Dementia
- Carers Support
- Dementia Outreach Service
- Kylemore Club for the Partially Sighted
- Support for Victims of Childhood Sexual Abuse
- MH Support - Making Space
- Dementia Day Care
- Reading Group for Dementia patients
- Carers Identification and Short Breaks
- Care Attendance Scheme
- Service User support Group - Pathfinders

3. **Any services which were provided in your CCG area at the establishment of the CCG, which were previously provided free of charge, but for which there is now a charge.**

In order to answer this question, NHS Wirral Clinical Commissioning Group would require further clarity regarding which services you refer to from the list provided.

4. **Any services which were provided in your CCG area at the establishment of the CCG, for which there are now restrictions on eligibility.**

Please see the attached the Procedures of Low Clinical Priority document.

**5. Whether any restrictions have been placed on eligibility for the following:**

- **Cataract surgery**
- **Grommet removal**
- **Varicose vein removal**
- **Tonsil and cyst removal**

Restrictions for the above can be found in the Procedures of Low Clinical Priority (PLCP) document attached.

- **Hip and knee replacements**
- **Groin hernia repairs**
- **Treatment for back pain**

There are no restrictions placed on eligibility for the above procedures.

- **Access to hearing aids.**

Access to the service is via GP referral for adults over 50 years of age who are registered with a Wirral GP (Children less than 18 years of age and adults less than 50 years of age should be referred directly to a hospital ENT service, unless adults less than 50 years of age report only mild loss confirmed on screening audiogram). Patients with sudden deterioration of hearing loss – exit onto a rapid hearing loss pathway).

Equality and Human Rights - Throughout the Audiology service the aim will be to bring services closer to patient communities, help provide equal access and availability to all patients.

General exclusions:

- Abusive, violent, or threatening NHS Patients without security escort
- NHS Patients barred from NHS services
- NHS Patients who are medically unfit to undergo the Diagnostic Investigation
- NHS Patients who are medically unfit to undergo transfer to the Facility (e.g. non-ambulant, require continuous use of specialist medical equipment)

There are no Audiology specific exclusion criteria.

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