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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 26th August 2016.

You asked for information regarding:

This request concerns the following clinical "listed procedures":

- Adenoidectomy
- Assisted Conception Services (including IVF/ICSI)
- Cataract removal in adults
- Total hip replacement
- Partial hip replacement
- Total knee replacement
- Partial knee replacement
- Knee arthroscopy
- Trigger finger surgery

Depending on how the CCG classifies different procedures, it may combine "total" and "partial" hip replacement as "all hip replacements", and "total" and "partial" knee replacement as "all knee replacements".

My request is as follows:

1. Please state how many instances of each listed procedure were funded by the CCG each financial year from 2013/14 to 2015/16 inclusive. The data should be broken down by procedure by year.

Please find below a breakdown for each procedure by financial year.

	Funded procedures per year			Criteria
	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	
Adenoidectomy	37	48	48	Procedures of Low Clinical Priority (PLCP)
Assisted Conception Services				PLCP
Cataract removal in adults	2543	3077	3353	PLCP
Total hip replacement	564	538	497	PLCP
Partial hip replacement				PLCP
All hip replacements				PLCP
Total knee replacement	624	541	571	PLCP

Partial knee replacement				PLCP
All knee replacements				PLCP
Knee arthroscopy				PLCP
Trigger finger surgery	71	58	64	PLCP
Hip Resurfacing	56	55	63	PLCP
Hip Arthroscopy for Femoro–Acetabular Impingement	1	1	0	PLCP

2. Please state whether each listed procedure is covered by specific clinical commissioning criteria - these may be known as "Procedures of Low/Limited Clinical Value", "Efficient Use of Resources", or a similar term.

Please see above table.

3. Where a listed procedure is covered by PLCV/EUR policies as referred to in question 2, please state the date the most recently adopted criteria for each procedure took effect. Where the CCG (or cluster of CCGs, where appropriate) has simply continued to use the predecessor PCT's criteria, please state this to be the case.

The most recent policy for PLCP took effect from 1st May 2015.

4. Where the most recent PLCV/EUR clinical commissioning criteria for a procedure has been adopted since the CCG came into existence, please provide both the current criteria and the previous criteria that applied to that procedure.

The most current PLCP policy can be located on the NHS Wirral Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) website and I have included the link below to the relevant section:

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

Please also find attached a copy of the previous PLCP policy.

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