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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 16<sup>th</sup> July 2015.

### You Asked for:

1. Details of the number of wigs that dermatology patients can obtain via a NHS wig prescription including details of the type of wig allowed, whether a monetary value is placed on allowance, any limitations/timescales.  
**Patients are able to annually obtain two acrylic wigs or one monotop via an NHS prescription. However, Patients are able to pay extra if for an additional wig, should they wish.**
2. Can people with all types of alopecia obtain a wig via a prescription? i.e can androgenetic and scarring alopecia patients obtain a prescription or is one offered just to those with alopecia areata?  
**This decision would be at the discretion of clinician.**
3. If wig prescriptions are only offered to those with a certain severity of hair loss, what extent of the head needs to be affected for a prescription to be offered?  
**Please see response to question 2.**
4. Are prescriptions for human hair wigs ever offered?  
**Prescriptions for human hair wigs are not offered.**
5. What is the annual CCG budget for wigs?  
**NHS Wirral Clinical Commissioning Group holds no specific budgets for wigs.**
6. Does the annual CCG budget for wigs include wigs for oncology patients as well as dermatology patients? Or are there separate budgets? If so, please provide details of both.  
**Please see response to question 5.**
7. Do patients have a choice as to a supplier to take their wig prescription?  
**Yes, patients do have a choice as to a supplier to take their wig prescription.**

8. If a choice of supplier is provided, please confirm the number of choices patients receive and the names and addresses of the NHS approved suppliers.  
**Unfortunately NHS Wirral Clinical Commissioning Group does not hold this information.**

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