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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 19th July 2016.

You asked for information regarding Hip and Knee Replacements.

1. Does the CCG Commission NHS Arthroplasty services?

NHS Wirral Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) has a block arrangement with Wirral University Teaching Hospital NHS Foundation Trust (WUTH) which includes hip and knee arthroplasty. The CCG has a Pay by Results (PbR) contract for NHS hip and knee arthroplasty with a private provider. The CCG is also a co-commissioner on other PbR contracts, with non Wirral based providers, for NHS hip and knee arthroplasty.

2. a) What is the total number of hip replacement operations your Trust has commissioned over the following years: 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015. Please provide 5 answers, in calendar years.

Number of Hip replacements in financial years (includes Elective & Non Elective Activity).

2013/14	2014/15	2015/16
574	532	499

* Please note that NHS Wirral Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) cannot provide any information prior to its existence in 2013/14 as following the decommissioning of Primary Care Trust's, on the 31st March 2013, we no longer hold information prior to this date.

This information is now held by NHS England and I have included the contact details for NHS England below:

Telephone 0300 311 22 33

Email England.contactus@nhs.net

NHS England
PO Box 16738
REDDITCH
B87 9PT

This service operates Monday to Friday 08:00 – 18:00 hrs, excluding Bank Holiday.

b) What is the total number of hip replacement revision operations your Trust has commissioned over the following years: 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015. Please provide 5 answers, in calendar years.

Number of Hip replacement Revision in financial years (includes Elective & Non Elective Activity).

2013/14	2014/15	2015/16
39	37	24

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c) What is the total number of knee replacements your Trust has commissioned over the following years: 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015. Please provide 5 answers, in calendar

Total Number of Knee Replacements in financial years (includes Elective & Non Elective Activity).

2013/14	2014/15	2015/16
649	562	600

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d) What is the total number of knee replacement revisions your Trust has commissioned over the following years: 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015. Please provide 5 answers, in calendar

Number of Knee replacement revisions in financial years (includes Elective & Non Elective Activity).

2013/14	2014/15	2015/16
28	31	31

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3. a) What is the average length of time patients wait for a hip replacement procedure from diagnosis to treatment?

The data is unavailable for this question as this is held by the Provider Organisation. I would advise for you to contact Wirral University Teaching Hospital NHS Foundation Trust (WUTH) directly on wih-tr.AccessToInformationOffice@nhs.net

b) What is the average length of time patients wait for a hip replacement revision from diagnosis to treatment?

The data is unavailable for this question as this is held by the Provider Organisation. I would advise for you to contact Wirral University Teaching Hospital NHS Foundation Trust (WUTH) directly on wih-tr.AccessToInformationOffice@nhs.net

c) What is the average length of time patients wait for a knee replacement from diagnosis to treatment?

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d) What is the average length of time patients wait for a knee replacement revision from diagnosis to treatment?

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4. a) What is the maximum length of time patients wait for a hip replacement from diagnosis?

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b) What is the maximum length of time patients wait for a hip replacement revision from diagnosis?

Please see response to 4a.

c) What is the maximum length of time patients wait for a knee replacement from diagnosis?

Please see response to 4a.

b) What is the maximum length of time patients wait for a knee replacement revision from diagnosis?

Please see response to 4a.

5. a. Have you amended your commissioning guidelines on commissioning of hip and knee replacements in the last 5 years?

Yes, the CCG's Procedures of Low Clinical Priority Policy (PLCP) was reviewed in 2014/2015.

b. Have you introduced any new policies on access to hip and knee replacement in the last 5 calendar years?

The PLCP document which was reviewed in 2014/2015 is currently live and in use. Information relating to hip and knee replacements can be found from page 69 of the most current CCG's Procedures of Low Clinical Priority Policy (PLCP) on our website, if you use the following link and please refer to page 69:

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

c. Are you considering any additional restrictions to hip and knee replacement- e.g. any discussions at board level?

Yes, in common with other CCG's.

6. What is your total spend on hip and knee replacements and hip and knee revisions:

a. In cash terms?

Based on the activity information provided above, Wirral CCG spends the following on elective & non elective hip and knee replacements and hip and knee revisions:

	£000s		
	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16
Hip Replacement	£3,379	£3,070	£2,871
Hip Revision	£339	£349	£196
Knee Replacement	£5,308	£4,519	£4,920
Knee Revision	£221	£279	£242

b. as a percentage of total spend?

	£000s		
	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16
Elective & non elective hip and knee replacements and hip and knee revisions spend as a %ages of total CCG spend	2.00%	1.75%	1.67%

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