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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 by the Corporate Affairs Team on 10th July 2017.

You Asked for:

- 1. I would like to know if you currently fund metal on metal hip resurfacing procedures (either routinely or if a specific request for funding is made)?**

NHS Wirral Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) Commissioning Policy 2017/2018 contains criteria against which patients are assessed for eligibility for hip replacements. This is a publically available document that can be referenced in section 16.23 - Hip and Knee Replacement Surgery and Hip Resurfacing. A copy of the document can be found by following the following link:

<https://www.wirralccg.nhs.uk/media/2573/procedures-of-lower-clinical-priority-wirral-2017-18.pdf>

Specifically in relation to the question posed the above policy states:

“The CCGs will fund hip resurfacing for those who otherwise qualify for primary total hip replacement, but are likely to outlive conventional primary hip replacements as restricted by NICE Guidance Hip disease - metal on metal hip resurfacing (TA44).“

- 2. If so, do you provide additional funding for follow up, compared to a standard total hip replacement, to cover the additional follow-up requirements for these implants as per the MHRA guidance of 29/6/17?**

Please see response to question 1.

Specific information in relation to the arrangements for follow up may be more appropriately sourced from provider services although this it is expected would be in line with NICE Technology Appraisal (TA) Guidance TA44. However we note this guidance was replaced in February 2014 with NICE TA304. Both these documents are publically available via the following link: <https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/ta304>.

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