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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 12th December 2017.

You asked for:

Please provide the following information to help us to assess variation in accessibility to maternal request caesarean sections.

- **Advise the total number of caesarean sections you have paid for in the year April 16-April 17. We would like you to provide a breakdown of the number of unplanned caesareans and the number of planned caesareans- both the actual number and the percentage of overall total births.**

The table below shows activity across all providers for NHS Wirral Clinical Commissioning Group:-

Caesarean Activity 2016\17 - Wirral CCG

Provider	Planned	Unplanned
	Activity	Activity
Aintree University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust		1
Central Manchester University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust		14
Countess of Chester NHS Foundation Trust	7	3
Liverpool Womens NHS Foundation Trust	55	85
Non Contracted Activity		3
One to One Midwifery	24	29
St Helen's & Knowsley NHS Trust		8
WARRINGTON & HALTON HOSPITALS NHS FOUNDATION TRUST		2
Wirral University Teaching Hospital NHS Foundation Trust	326	551
Total	412	696

Rationale

HRGs NZ13- 'Planned'

HRGs NZ14- 'Unplanned'

HRG NZ15- Eclampsia/Pre-eclampsia-
assumption unplanned

Data Source: SLAM

- **In addition please provide any additional information/categorization of the reasons recorded for the planned caesareans. (We would like to find out how many planned caesareans were carried out primarily for a psychological reason and how many planned caesareans were carried out with no obstetric, medical or significant psychological reason)**

This level of information is not held by NHS Wirral Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG).

- **Are there any circumstances in which you as a CCG would refuse to fund a caesarean section? If so please specify what these circumstances are.**

No, NHS Wirral CCG would not refuse to fund a caesarean section.

- **What guideline or policy do you have in place with your providers on how they should deal with maternal request Caesarean sections. If one is in place please provide us with a copy.**

There is no restrictive policy in place, this would be a clinical decision.

We hope this information is useful, however if you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact a member of the Corporate Affairs Team (contact details at the top of this letter)

Yours sincerely

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