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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 8th February 2018.

You Asked for:

As part of a project exploring service provision within oculoplastic surgery across the nation, I would be grateful if you could send me the following details on each of the procedures listed below:

- Are they routinely funded?
- If not routinely funded, how is this service accessed (e.g. criterion based access, individual funding request, other)
- If criterion based access, what are these criteria?
- Were any ophthalmologists/optometrists consulted when creating the policy for the procedure? If so, please provide us with their name and role.

Procedures: Blepharoplasty; ptosis repair; ectropion repair; entropion repair; brow lift; chalazion incision and curettage; benign skin lesion excision/surgical management; periocular botulinum toxin injections; adult strabismus surgery; lacrimal surgery procedures (including dacryocystorhinostomy, punctoplasty, punctal plugs); any others you believe fall under the remit of oculoplastic surgery that have not been listed.

Our Response:

Wirral University Teaching Hospital NHS Foundation Trust (WUTH), our main provider of Ophthalmology services, is commissioned to undertake this work referencing the Procedures of Limited Clinical Policy which is available on our website via the following link:

<https://www.wirralccg.nhs.uk/media/3394/procedures-of-lower-clinical-priority-wirral-2017-18-updated-010817.pdf>

The Wirral version of the policy was developed in conjunction with Cheshire and Mersey CCGs and wide engagement was undertaken in order to inform the policy, this included GPs, local Trusts, wider providers and patients through a comprehensive engagement exercise that included a television interview with the CCG's Medical Director / Chair. WUTH, our main provider for clinical services, were engaged directly and took responsibility for engaging individual clinicians at departmental level.

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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