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Re: Freedom of Information Request – Wrist Fracture Rehabilitation

Thank you for your request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, which was received into this office on 14th October 2019.

You Asked for:

1. Does your Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) commission rehabilitation services e.g. physiotherapy or occupational therapy, for patients over the age of 50 after wrist fractures?
2. Within your CCG, are there any local criteria or policies that are being used to guide clinical decision-making regarding referrals to rehabilitation after wrist fractures?
3. If yes to question 2, please can you send a copy of the criteria or local policies?
4. Are there any restrictions on clinician's referrals to rehab services (physiotherapy / OT / other) for patients with wrist fracture?

Our Response:

1. Yes, NHS Wirral Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) commissions rehabilitation services through a referral to either:
 - Integrated Musculoskeletal (MSK) service offered by Wirral University Teaching Hospital (WUTH) NHS Foundation Trust - <https://www.wuth.nhs.uk/our-departments/a-z-of-departments/musculoskeletal-service/>
 - Rehab at Home Service offered by Wirral Community Health and Care (WCHC) NHS Foundation Trust - <https://www.wirralct.nhs.uk/rehabilitation>
2. Management following a wrist fracture is commissioned in line with best practice guidance, for example, Royal College of Surgeons, NICE. There are no specific referral criteria.
3. Not applicable.
4. No.

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)

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