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Re: Freedom of Information Request – Carpal Tunnel Syndrome

Thank you for your request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, which was received into this office on 24th October 2019.

You Asked for:

1. Does your Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) have any specific criteria/guidelines that need to be fulfilled for Primary Care Practitioners to refer patients with Carpal Tunnel Syndrome to Secondary Care or any other triage pathway? If so, would it be possible to have a copy of this?
2. Does your CCG have any specific criteria/guidelines that need to be fulfilled for Secondary Care Practitioners to perform Carpal Tunnel Decompression surgery? Again, if so, would it be possible to have a copy of this?
3. Would you be able to provide a list of the healthcare providers you commission to perform Carpal Tunnel Decompression Surgery? I would be interested to know if you commission providers other than your main NHS Trusts for this service, in particular, do you commission this surgery in a primary care or community setting

Our Response:

1. Referral and treatment for Carpal Tunnel Syndrome is commissioned in line with the guidance contained in NHS Wirral Clinical Commissioning Group's (CCG's) Procedures of Low Clinical Value Policy. Please see below for a link to the policy:
<https://www.wirralccg.nhs.uk/media/6279/plcp-policy-2019-2020-updated-4-6-19-pdf.pdf>
2. Please see the answer for question number one.
3. The main providers of Carpal Tunnel Syndrome surgery for Wirral patients are NHS Wirral University Teaching Hospital NHS Foundation Trust (WUTH) and Spire Murrayfield (NHS Contract).

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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