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Re: Freedom of Information Request – Mastectomy Surgery

Thank you for your request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, which was received into this office on 30th January 2020.

You Asked for:

1. Does your Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) / Trust have a policy regarding reconstruction after breast cancer?
 - Within that policy (if applicable), do you offer patients flat symmetrisation surgery?
2. If a patient is planned to have a single mastectomy and the patient requests a double mastectomy immediately, without reconstruction (removing the healthy breast at the same time as the breast with cancer) would your CCG / Trust agree to this request if the patient did not have a gene mutation?
3. Does your CCG / Trust allow a Contralateral Prophylactic Mastectomy (CPM) in a delayed setting for a patient that has had a single mastectomy, if they request it?
 - If the answer is 'no', what reasons would be the cause for the negative response? Please tick all answers that are applicable.
 - a) No funding;
 - b) NICE guidelines;
 - c) Not CCG / Trust policy;
 - d) Another reason (please state the reason)
4. If your CCG / Trust agrees to a CPM and leaving the patient flat chested, do you require the patient to have a psychological assessment?
 - If the answer is 'Yes', please can you give further details (please tick any that apply):
 - a) All Breast Cancer Units must organise psychological assessments to be completed;
 - b) Psychological assessments are at the discretion of the Multi-Disciplinary Teams;
 - c) Psychological assessments are at the discretion of the individual breast cancer Consultant.

Our Response:

Mastectomy services are commissioned by Wirral University Teaching Hospital NHS Foundation Trust (WUTH) within an overall hospital contract. The provider is required to deliver in line with the national and regional guidance. For further information, may I suggest that you contact Wirral University Teaching Hospital NHS Foundation Trust directly? I have included their email address for information:

WUTH – wih-tr.AccessToInformationOffice@nhs.net

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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