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Re: Freedom of Information Request - Hip and knee replacement surgery policies

Thank you for your request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, which was received into this office on 26th April 2021.

You Asked for:

I am writing today to request information on any hip and knee replacement surgery policies you have in place, specifically focusing on any Body Mass Index (BMI) or smoking restrictions in place, under the Freedom of Information Act. I am also requesting information on any previous policies that have since been replaced.

1. Is a relevant policy in place now or a policy has been in place previously?
2. If the Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) has been formed through a merger of other CCG's then please complete the form once for each historic CCG as well as for the current merged CCG body.
3. If no policy is in place now or previously, please confirm that this is the case by responding to this email.

Our Response:

NHS Wirral Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) have a policy in place for Procedures of Low Clinical Value. This is accessible publicly available via our website. Please see the link below for further information (Section 16.22 details restrictions in respect of Body Mass Index (BMI)):
[plcp-policy-2019-2020-updated-4-6-19-pdf.pdf \(wirralccg.nhs.uk\)](http://plcp-policy-2019-2020-updated-4-6-19-pdf.pdf)

I have also included the Pre-Operative Medical Optimisation Policy for additional information. Please find attached.

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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