



Freedom of Information request & West Norfolk CCG response

WN-2015-00108 – Wig Provision Policy

Please provide details of your CCG's NHS wig provision policy for dermatology patients, including those with alopecia and other dermatology conditions which cause hair loss. I would assume that a wig policy would include such information as:

1. Details of the number of wigs that dermatology patients can obtain via a NHS wig prescription including details of the type of wig allowed, whether a monetary value is placed on allowance, any limitations/timescales.
2. Can people with all types of alopecia obtain a wig via a prescription? i.e can androgenetic and scarring alopecia patients obtain a prescription or is one offered just to those with alopecia areata?
3. If wig prescriptions are only offered to those with a certain severity of hair loss, what extent of the head needs to be affected for a prescription to be offered?
4. Are prescriptions for human hair wigs ever offered?
5. What is the annual CCG budget for wigs?
6. Does the annual CCG budget for wigs include wigs for oncology patients as well as dermatology patients? Or are there separate budgets? If so, please provide details of both.
7. Do patients have a choice as to a supplier to take their wig prescription?
8. If a choice of supplier is provided, please confirm the number of choices patients receive and the names and addresses of the NHS approved suppliers.

I am happy to receive the wig policy as it stands regardless of whether it covers all the aforementioned points.

This information is not held by the CCG. Please contact our local Acute provider who may be in a position to respond to this query. Their FOI process can be found via their [website](#).