



Freedom of Information request & West Norfolk CCG response

WN-2016-00112 – Clinical Listed Procedures

This request concerns the following clinical "listed procedures":

- Adenoidectomy
- Assisted Conception Services (including IVF/ICSI)
- Cataract removal in adults
- Total hip replacement
- Partial hip replacement
- Total knee replacement
- Partial knee replacement
- Knee arthroscopy
- Trigger finger surgery

Depending on how the CCG classifies different procedures, it may combine "total" and "partial" hip replacement as "all hip replacements", and "total" and "partial" knee replacement as "all knee replacements".

My request is as follows:

1. Please state how many instances of each listed procedure were funded by the CCG each financial year from 2013/14 to 2015/16 inclusive. The data should be broken down by procedure by year.

Please see below the number of Prior Approval procedure requests for procedures received by the CCG:

| | NHS North Norfolk CCG | | | NHS South Norfolk CCG | | | NHS West Norfolk CCG | | | NHS Norwich CCG | | |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| | 2013/1 4 | 2014/1 5 | 2015/1 6 | 2013/1 4 | 2014/1 5 | 2015/1 6 | 2013/1 4 | 2014/1 5 | 2015/1 6 | 2013/1 4 | 2014/1 5 | 2015/1 6 |
| Adenoidectomy | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| Assisted Conception Services | 6 | <5* | 0 | <5* | <5* | 5 | <5* | <5* | <5* | <5* | <5* | 7 |
| Cataract removal in adults** | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| Total hip replacement | 395 | 419 | 344 | 364 | 358 | 358 | 68 | 78 | 273 | 286 | 265 | 250 |
| Partial hip replacement | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| All hip replacements | 395 | 419 | 344 | 364 | 358 | 358 | 68 | 78 | 273 | 286 | 265 | 250 |
| Total knee replacement | 376 | 363 | 337 | 358 | 369 | 314 | 78 | 84 | 300 | 311 | 265 | 276 |
| Partial knee replacement | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| All knee replacements | 376 | 363 | 337 | 358 | 369 | 314 | 78 | 84 | 300 | 311 | 265 | 276 |
| Knee arthroscopy | 356 | 270 | 206 | 483 | 382 | 324 | 71 | 101 | 245 | 440 | 309 | 237 |
| Trigger finger surgery | 58 | 58 | 45 | 44 | 74 | 57 | 50 | 42 | 34 | 57 | 49 | 54 |

**Where figures are below 5 a range (<5) has been provided to avoid the risk of patient identification.*

***Cataract removal in adults is not currently processed by CCG. This is completed by the provider and kept with the patients notes.*

Please note, the CCG are unable to advise on whether the procedures were funded; this information would be held by the providers. For information relating to NHS North Norfolk CCG, NHS South Norfolk CCG and NHS Norwich CCG contact [Norfolk and Norwich University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust](#). For information relating to NHS West Norfolk CCG contact [The Queen Elizabeth Hospital King's Lynn NHS Foundation Trust](#).

- 2. Please state whether each listed procedure is covered by specific clinical commissioning criteria - these may be known as "Procedures of Low/Limited Clinical Value", "Efficient Use of Resources", or a similar term.**

All listed procedures are covered by a specific clinical commissioning criteria apart from Adenoidectomy.

- 3. Where a listed procedure is covered by PLCV/EUR policies as referred to in question 2, please state the date the most recently adopted criteria for each procedure took effect. Where the CCG (or cluster of CCGs, where appropriate) has simply continued to use the predecessor PCT's criteria, please state this to be the case.**

The policies were last updated on the following dates:

- *Assisted Conception Services – December 2014,*
- *Cataract removal in adults – September 2015,*
- *Hip replacement – June 2015,*
- *Knee replacement – June 2015,*
- *Knee arthroscopy – June 2015*
- *Trigger Finger – July 2010.*
- *No policy for Adenoidectomy.*

- 4. Where the most recent PLCV/EUR clinical commissioning criteria for a procedure has been adopted since the CCG came into existence, please provide both the current criteria and the previous criteria that applied to that procedure.**

The CCG do not generally hold copies of previous policies. The current policies for the CCGs' Non-routine Treatments and Treatment Thresholds has been attached.

For example, if the CCG adopted its most recent criteria for knee arthroscopy in May 2015, please provide both the criteria adopted in May 2015 and, separately, the criteria that was used until May 2015. Please note that old criteria are very unlikely to be published on the CCG website.