



Freedom of Information request & West Norfolk CCG response

WN-2017-0219 – Oculoplastic Surgery

As part of a project exploring service provision within oculoplastic surgery across the nation, I would be grateful if you could send me the following details on each of the procedures listed below:

- Are they routinely funded?
- If not routinely funded, how is this service accessed (eg criterion based access, individual funding request, other)
- If criterion based access, what are these criteria?
- Were any ophthalmologists/optometrists consulted when creating the policy for the procedure? If so, please provide us with their name and role.

Procedures: Blepharoplasty; ptosis repair; ectropion repair; entropion repair; brow lift; chalazion incision and curettage; benign skin lesion excision/surgical management; periocular botulinum toxin injections; adult strabismus surgery; lacrimal surgery procedures (including dacrocystorhinostomy, punctoplasty, punctal plugs); any others you believe fall under the remit of oculoplastic surgery that have not been listed.

I would like the above information to be provided to me via email please.

If this request is too wide or unclear, I would be grateful if you could contact me as I understand that under the Act, you are required to advise and assist requesters. If any of this information is already in the public domain, please can you direct me to it, with page references and URLs if necessary.

I understand that you are required to respond to my request within the 20 working days after you receive this letter. I would be grateful if you could confirm in writing that you have received this request.

NHS North Norfolk, NHS South Norfolk, NHS West Norfolk and NHS Norwich Clinical Commissioning Groups do hold this information. The CCG considers that this information is exempt from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, Section 21 (Reasonably Accessible), which provides an exemption from the duty to disclose information which is accessible to the Applicant by other means.

This information is already available in the public domain and can be accessed at:

NHS North Norfolk

CCG: <http://www.knowledgeanglia.nhs.uk/KMS/NorthNorfolk/Home/ClinicalThresholdsPolicy.aspx>

NHS South Norfolk

CCG: <http://www.knowledgeanglia.nhs.uk/KMS/SouthNorfolk/Home/ClinicalThresholdsPolicy.aspx>

NHS West Norfolk

CCG: <http://www.knowledgeanglia.nhs.uk/KMS/WestNorfolk/Home/ClinicalThresholdsPolicy.aspx>

NHS Norwich

CCG: <http://www.knowledgeanglia.nhs.uk/KMS/Norwich/Home/ClinicalThresholdsPolicy.aspx>

Please note that we do not have the names of the consultants who were asked for comments on policies; rather this is done through our provider representatives on the Clinical Policy Development Group.

For any future correspondence regarding this request, please quote the reference number **FOI.17.NNO214**, **FOI.17.SNO205**, **FOI.17.WNO219** & **FOI.17.NOR222**.