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Dear Requestor

RE: Freedom of Information Request

With reference to your request for information I can confirm in accordance with Section 1 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 that we do hold the information that you have requested. A response to each part of your request is below.

In the request you asked:

- 1) Could you please confirm for your CCG, during the timeframes below, the number of episodes of care you have processed for your commissioned services with NHS Trusts?

For procedure: Sacroiliac joint steroid injections:

2018/19 = 436 sacroiliac joint steroid injections.

2019/20 = 353 sacroiliac joint steroid injections.

For procedure: Sacroiliac joint Radiofrequency ablations (RFA)

2018/19 = 212 sacroiliac joint radiofrequency ablations (RFA)

2019/20 = 166 sacroiliac joint radiofrequency ablations (RFA)

For procedure: Sacroiliac joint surgical procedure.

2018/19 = ≤5 sacroiliac joint surgical procedure.

2019/20 = 0 sacroiliac joint surgical procedure.

Where ≤5 has been used the information cannot be disclosed as it could potentially identify the individuals involved, especially if combined with other data, and this would constitute a breach of the Data Protection Act 2018. Therefore, this information is exempt from disclosure under section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 on the grounds that it is personal information.

- 2) Please could you confirm if your commissioned NHS Trusts require individual funding requests (IFR) for this procedure Sacroiliac joint steroid injection Yes or No?

No.

Also the number of IFRs during 2018./19 and 2019/20 your CCG have received from NHS Trusts for Sacroiliac joint injections if their policy requires this? Please respond using the following headings

Trusts name: Not applicable.

Number accepted = Not applicable.

Number rejected = Not applicable.

- 3) Please could you confirm if your commissioned NHS Trusts require individual funding requests (IFR) for this procedure Sacroiliac joint Radiofrequency ablations (RFA) Yes or No?

No.

Also the number of IFRs your CCG have received from NHS Trusts for Sacroiliac joint Radiofrequency ablations (RFA) if their policy requires this? Please respond using the following headings

Trusts name: Not applicable.

Number accepted = Not applicable.

Number rejected = Not applicable.

- 4) Please could you confirm if your commissioned NHS Trusts require individual funding requests (IFR) for this procedure Sacroiliac joint surgical Yes or No?

No.

Also the number of IFRs your CCG have received from NHS Trusts for Sacroiliac joint surgical if their policy requires this? Please respond using the following headings

Trusts name: Not applicable.

Number accepted = Not applicable.

Number rejected = Not applicable.

- 5) Please can you confirm how many Sacroiliac joint injections a single individual funding request covers for a patient per year and on-going if applicable?

Not applicable.

- 6) Please can you confirm how many Sacroiliac joint RFA procedures a single individual funding request covers and the interval between procedures if applicable?

Not applicable.

- 7) Could you please provide a copy of the latest service specification for your Sacroiliac joint services that you have with your NHS Trust, which shows the care pathway that you provide? Normally found under 'Schedule 2' of the Standard contract in place, with your NHS Trust?

There is no specific service specification relating to Sacroiliac joint services

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Telephone 0303 123 1113 or report a concern: <https://ico.org.uk/concerns/>

Yours sincerely

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