

17/07/2023

NN-ICB/23/351

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 your request is below.

In the request you asked:

Please can you provide the number of individual funding requests made that were either approved, not approved, redirected, rejected or withdrawn in each of the following financial years: 2018/19, 2019/20, 2020/21, 2021/22 and 2022/23, relating to body contouring surgery.

Can you please provide the information broken down by procedure/treatment to include:

- Abdominoplasty
- Abdominolipectomy
- Apronectomy
- Abdominal repair and reconstruction
- Panniculectomy
- Brachioplasty
- Buttock Lift
- Thigh Lift.

Please see below in response to your request.

| 2018/19 | Approved | Not Approved | Redirected | Rejected | Withdrawn |
|-------------------------------------|----------|--------------|------------|----------|-----------|
| Abdominoplasty | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Abdominolipectomy | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Apronectomy | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Abdominal repair and reconstruction | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Panniculectomy | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Brachioplasty | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Buttock Lift | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

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| Thigh Lift | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
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| 2019/20 | Approved | Not Approved | Redirected | Rejected | Withdrawn |
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| Abdominoplasty | 0 | ≤5* | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Abdominolipectomy | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Apronectomy | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Abdominal repair and reconstruction | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Panniculectomy | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Brachioplasty | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Buttock Lift | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Thigh Lift | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

| 2020/21 | Approved | Not Approved | Redirected | Rejected | Withdrawn |
|-------------------------------------|----------|--------------|------------|----------|-----------|
| Abdominoplasty | 0 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Abdominolipectomy | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Apronectomy | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Abdominal repair and reconstruction | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Panniculectomy | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Brachioplasty | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Buttock Lift | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Thigh Lift | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

| 2021/22 | Approved | Not Approved | Redirected | Rejected | Withdrawn |
|-------------------------------------|----------|--------------|------------|----------|-----------|
| Abdominoplasty | 0 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Abdominolipectomy | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Apronectomy | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Abdominal repair and reconstruction | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Panniculectomy | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

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| Brachioplasty | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Buttock Lift | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Thigh Lift | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

| 2022/23 | Approved | Not Approved | Redirected | Rejected | Withdrawn |
|-------------------------------------|----------|--------------|------------|----------|-----------|
| Abdominoplasty | 0 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Abdominolipectomy | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Apronectomy | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Abdominal repair and reconstruction | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Panniculectomy | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Brachioplasty | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Buttock Lift | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Thigh Lift | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

***Section 40 (2)**

The ICB does hold this information however if the number is very low (5 or less) 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.

If you are unhappy with the way in which your request has been handled, NHS Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Integrated Care Board (ICB) have an internal review procedure through which you can raise any concerns you might have. Further details of this procedure can be obtained by contacting Lucy Branson, Associate Director of Governance via lucy.branson@nhs.net or by writing to FOI Team at NHS Nottingham and Nottinghamshire ICB, Sir John Robinson House, Sir John Robinson Way, Arnold, Daybrook, Nottingham, NG5 6DA.

If you remain dissatisfied with the outcome of the internal review, you can apply to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO), who will consider whether the organisation has complied with its obligations under the Act and can require the organisation to remedy any problems. Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the complaints procedure provided by NHS Nottingham and Nottinghamshire ICB. You can find out more about how to do this, and about the Act in general, on the Information Commissioner's Office website at: <https://ico.org.uk/for-the-public/>

Complaints to the Information Commissioner's Office should be sent to:

FOI/EIR Complaints Resolution, Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. Telephone 0303 123 1113 or report a concern via <https://ico.org.uk/concerns/>

Yours sincerely

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