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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 your request is below.

In the request you asked:

I am writing to submit a formal Freedom of Information (FOI) request regarding periocular and facial surgical funding policies for patients with thyroid eye disease (TED) or facial nerve palsies (FNP) within your organisation.

I kindly request access to any available information related to the funding policies concerning periocular surgical procedures such as brow lift, blepharoplasty, upper eyelid weights and botulinum toxin injections for the aforementioned medical conditions. Specifically, I am interested in understanding whether you have specific funding policies for patients with TED or FNP, and/or whether they are exempt from needing to meet criteria or follow the individual funding requests in place for patients without these conditions. Although I recognise that such patients may also undergo other surgical procedures such as facial suspension/re-animation and thyroidectomy, I am only requesting information on procedures that fall under the remit of oculoplastic procedures (though these may sometimes be carried out by plastic surgeons).

The following policies which determine the availability of treatment for the conditions within your request are publicly available as follows.

- <https://notts.icb.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/2022/04/NNCCG-Service-Restriction-Policy-Nottinghamshire-ADDITIONAL-INFORMATION-v0.3-ICB.pdf>
- <https://notts.icb.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/2022/04/BAS-CCG-Commissioning-for-Outcomes-Policy.pdf>

There are currently two policies in place, one for the legacy Nottingham and Nottinghamshire CCG area and one for the legacy Bassetlaw CCG area however, the new aligned policy will be effective from 1 February 2024.

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

Freedom of Information (FOI) Officer on behalf of *NHS Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Integrated Care Board*

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