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## Re: Freedom of Information Request

Thank you for your request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 which was received into this office on 28<sup>th</sup> September 2015.

### You Asked for:

- 1. What policy do you have in place to determine eligibility for cataract surgery (for both first and second eye)? Please provide a copy of this policy together with a written statement of the reasons for this policy.**

NHS Wirral Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) has a Procedures of Low Clinical Priority (PLCP) policy in place, which includes the eligibility for cataract surgery. This can be found via the following link:

<https://www.wirralccg.nhs.uk/About%20Us/PLCP.htm>

- 2. Have you made any changes to your policy since April 2013 or are you planning to make changes to your policy? Changes to include plans to approve changes for this financial year (2015/16) and the following financial year (2016/17). Please provide details of agreed and proposed changes.**

Details in relation to the policy review are available on our website:

<https://www.wirralccg.nhs.uk/About%20Us/PLCP.htm>

- 3. When will you change your cataract policy to reflect recommendations in the Royal College of Ophthalmologists commissioning guidance? This includes implementing section 11 – thresholds for cataract surgery and legal visual acuity requirements. Please provide details of the steps that will be taken to implement these changes.**

Please see the PLCP policy that is in place (as per questions 1 and 2) which cites the evidence underpinning the approach to cataracts surgery, including recommendations from the Royal College of Ophthalmologists.

**4. Please provide details of any meetings (to include minutes) where cataract policies have been discussed in the last 3 years.**

The process by which the PCLP policy was developed is detailed in the Governing Body papers of the meetings held in October 2014 and February 2015. I have included the links below to these papers for your ease:

<https://www.wirralccg.nhs.uk/Downloads/Governing%20Body/GoverningBodyAgendaPapers071014.pdf>

<https://www.wirralccg.nhs.uk/Downloads/Governing%20Body/WCCGBPUBLICagendaandpapers10022014.pdf>

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