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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 by the Corporate Affairs Team on Thursday 4th May 2017.

You Asked for:

1. Is there a time/number of procedure limit for reconstructive breast procedures following breast cancer (including revision procedures) in your CCG?

NHS Wirral Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) does not have a numeric limit on reconstructive breast procedures. However, procedures will only be undertaken if clinically appropriate.

2. Is there availability/funding for breast surgery on the contralateral breast (the breast without breast cancer) for means of providing symmetry to any planned reconstructive procedure of the breast with breast cancer. If so, is there a time/number of procedure limit for this type of surgery?

Procedures are available for surgery on the contralateral breast for means of providing symmetry. NHS Wirral Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) does not have a numeric limit on reconstructive breast procedures. However, procedures will only be undertaken if clinically appropriate.

Reconstructive surgery following cancer does not form part of the Procedures of Low Clinical Priority (PLCP) policies which can be found here using the link below:

<https://www.wirralccg.nhs.uk/about-us/policies/procedures-of-low-clinical-priority/>

Reconstructive surgery following cancer is classed as core clinical eligibility criteria meaning patients can undergo procedures without meeting the criteria listed within these policies.

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