

Ref: FOI 113

9 September 2019

Dear Requestor

Request made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000

On 16 August 2019 you sent a request, made under the Freedom of Information Act, relating to Procedures of Limited Clinical Effectiveness. I now provide this information as an attachment.

I trust that this is the information you require and that your request has been fully discharged.

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If you have queries about this response, please do not hesitate to contact me quoting the above reference number.

Yours sincerely

Signature Removed

Paddy Baker
Data Protection Officer
NHS Dorset Clinical Commissioning Group

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Q1:

Please can you provide me with the number of applications for prior approval made for Procedures of Limited Clinical Effectiveness, and the number refused, in each of the following financial years (2014/15, 2015/16, 2016/17, 2017/18, and 2018/19 (year from April to March), broken down by procedure.

Response:

Please see table below.

Q2:

Please can you provide me with the number of individual funding requests made and refused in each of the following financial years (2014/15, 2015/16, 2016/17, 2017/18, and 2018/19 (year from April to March), broken down by procedure.

Response:

Please see table below.

Intervention	2014/2015		2015/2016		2016/2017		2017/2018		2018/2019	
	Received	Approved	Received	Approved	Received	Approved	Received	Approved	Received	Approved
Assisted Conception	72	45	80	48	90	56	50	40	70	14
Abdominoplasty	20	<5	18	<5	23	<5	18	<5	14	0
Bariatric Surgery	45	22	51	32	40	27	19	7	17	3
Specialist Weight Management	51	27	60	53	36	28	23	22	6	<5
Local Weight Management	14	9	6	<5	6	<5	5	<5	<5	<5
Benign Skin Lesion	75	43	80	53	95	70	74	47	68	41
ENT	32	14	44	21	17	6	27	8	23	10
Breast Surgery	75	15	64	15	51	9	46	15	41	18
Cardiovascular	<5	<5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Circumcision	<5	0	0	0	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5
Complementary Therapy	9	0	8	0	<5	0	6	0	<5	<5
Cosmetic Procedures	47	15	53	7	46	12	44	8	50	5
Labioplasty	11	<5	10	0	7	<5	6	0	<5	<5
Diabetes Pumps and CGM	6	<5	<5	0	8	<5	15	<5	9	<5
Diagnostic Tests	<5	0	<5	<5	0	0	0	0	0	0
Equipment	<5	<5	8	0	<5	<5	<5	0	0	0
Functional Electrical Stimulation	10	<5	6	<5	6	<5	<5	0	<5	<5
Gastroenterology	<5	<5	<5	0	<5	0	<5	0	<5	<5
Gender Dysphoria	<5	<5	12	<5	0	0	<5	0	0	0
General Surgery	<5	<5	0	0	2	0	<5	0	<5	<5
General Medicine	7	<5	7	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	0	0
Gynaecology	2	<5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hyperbaric Oxygen	0	0	<5	0	<5	<5	0	0	<5	<5
Laser Treatment	<5	<5	0	0	0	0	<5	<5	0	0
Manual Lymphatic Drainage	9	6	13	9	11	8	10	<5	10	<5
Maxillofacial	<5	<5	<5	0	<5	<5	0	0	0	0
Referrral to Specialist Centre	70	31	45	25	51	28	48	21	29	7
Neurology	<5	<5	<5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Open/Upright MRI	<5	<5	<5	<5	9	7	15	11	7	7
Ophthalmology	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5
Orthopedic - Hip	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	0	0	<5	<5
Orthopedic - Hand	<5	<5	13	9	<5	<5	10	10	8	7
Orthopedic - Ankle	<5	<5	0	0	<5	<5	0	0	0	0
Orthopedic - Knee	<5	<5	<5	0	<5	<5	23	23	9	9
Orthopedic - Bunion	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	6	5
Orthopedic - Spinal	13	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	0	0	0	0
Orthopedic - Other	13	<5	7	0	<5	<5	6	<5	6	6
Spinal	<5	0	0	0	0	0	6	<5	9	<5
Orthotics	<5	<5	9	<5	8	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5
Prosthetics	<5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Proton Beam Therapy	0	0	0	0	0	0	<5	0	0	0
Rectal Irrigation	<5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Speech Therapy	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	0	0
Urology	7	<5	<5	<5	8	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5
Varicose Veins	42	7	32	<5	24	6	21	<5	15	<5
High Cost Drugs	374	269	369	319	295	252	398	364	468	398