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Dear Requestor

Request made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000

On 6 January 2020 you sent a request, made under the Freedom of Information Act, relating to Individual Funding Requests. 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
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Q1:

For each of the last three calendar years, could you tell us how many IFRs have been processed for the following treatments:

1. Total hip replacements
2. Total knee replacements
3. Hernia repair
4. Cataract surgery

For each of the last three calendar years, could you tell us how many IFRs have been approved for the following treatments:

1. Total hip replacements
2. Total knee replacements
3. Hernia repair
4. Cataract surgery

Response:

In response to the request for information on certain IFRs received in the last three years please see table below.

	2017		2018		2019	
	Approved	Declined	Approved	Declined	Approved	Declined
Cataracts	2	1	1	0	0	0
Knee Replacement	0	0	21	0	2	0
Hip Replacement	0	0	3	0	0	0
Hernia Repair	0	0	0	0	0	0

Please note that Knee and Hip replacements were not subject to Criteria Based Access until June 2017 and we would therefore not have expected to any requests submitted via the IPT process prior to this date.

Also please note that Hernia Repair is not currently an excluded procedure and we would therefore also not expect to see requests for these via the IPT process.

The high number of knee replacement requests in 2018 relate to consultants also seeking to do simultaneous patella resurfacing, which at the time, required approval from the CCG.