

Freedom of Information request response – FOI-1049

Response to Rachel Taylor

Cosmetic surgical procedures

Request

Are you able to tell me the number of individuals who have successfully received funding and surgery for the following under the umbrella of Hampshire PCT:

Pinnaplasty, Rhinoplasty, Thyroid chondroplasty, Breast augmentation/reduction

Does Hampshire PCT routinely fund any of these procedures or are cases where funding is necessary exceptionally funded?

Response

Hampshire PCT, whilst funding procedures which may come under a ‘cosmetic’ HRG (Health Research Group) code, **does NOT fund procedures for cosmetic reasons**. In addition, many similar procedures, which are included in the wider Hampshire Information Service data attached, go ahead for clinical reasons without prior approval being sought. Many procedures – particularly surgical excision – are routinely carried out for reasons of clinical need.

Please find attached document providing data for surgery carried out under the umbrella of Hampshire PCT that fall within the HRG (Health Research Group) code for “cosmetic surgery”. NHS Hampshire is currently planning audits for excluded procedures and will be challenging payment of those that proceeded without the PCT’s prior approval.

Of these procedures, the following numbers were individually agreed by the PCT for exceptional clinical reasons:

Procedure	1 Sep 07- 30 Oct 09
Correction of breast asymmetry/reconstruction	21
Breast reduction	11
Pinnaplasty	7
Rhinoplasty	0

ALL the procedures above were approved for clinical need e.g. post trauma (pinnaplasty, breast work, rhinoplasty), post cancer surgery (breast procedures), gross congenital abnormality (breast procedures).

Thyroid chondroplasty – There is no separate HRG coding to enable the identification of this specific procedure and therefore Hampshire PCT does not hold relevant information.