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Dear Lucy

Freedom of Information Act 2000 - Request for Information

We are pleased to respond to your request for information and our response is set out below.

Request

Please can you provide me with full costings to the NHS of Nipple tattoos following Mastectomy surgery.

Please can you provide me with how many nipple tattoos were done in the last 2 years, and how many repeated visits that are covered or offered once they fade, per each patient.

Response

NHS Bradford Districts CCG does not hold the information requested above. You may be able to receive this information by contacting the providers who may hold this information, specifically Bradford Teaching Hospitals Foundation Trust on the link below. https://www.bradfordhospitals.nhs.uk/freedom-of-information/

Reconstruction of the Nipple and Areola are offered and discussed with patients as part of the normal pathway for post mastectomy reconstruction. The decision to go head or not would be based on clinical advise and the preferences of the patient.

It is generally carried out as an Outpatients appointment after other reconstructive surgery has occurred and repeat visits for fading are paid for but the provider may be able to give the numbers for how many are offered once they fade.

https://www.bradfordhospitals.nhs.uk/2019/07/24/breast-care-nurses-receive-vital-training-thanks-to-bradford-charity/

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If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, with regards to this Freedom of Information request, you have the right to appeal to the Information Commissioner under Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The Information Commissioner will not investigate your case unless you have exhausted our complaints procedure. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: The Information Commissioners Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

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Yours sincerely

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Senior Freedom of Information Officer

On behalf of:

NHS Airedale, Wharfedale and Craven, Bradford City and Bradford Districts Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs).