

**Reference:** FOI 25659 AYL 10Y / FOI 25675 CHI 10H

**Subject:** Individual Funding Requests

*I can confirm that the CCG does hold the information requested; please see responses below:*

QUESTION	RESPONSE																							
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The number of Individual Funding Requests submitted by doctors to your organisation – broken down by the nature of the request: eg cataract surgery, hip or knee surgery, mental health treatment AND whether the request was approved or denied.</li> </ul>	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Financial Year</th> <th>Approved</th> <th>Declined</th> <th>Total</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>2014/15</td> <td>412</td> <td>238</td> <td>650</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2015/16</td> <td>468</td> <td>221</td> <td>689</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2016/17</td> <td>950</td> <td>534</td> <td>1,484</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2017/18</td> <td>1,171</td> <td>630</td> <td>1,801</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Financial Year	Approved	Declined	Total	2014/15	412	238	650	2015/16	468	221	689	2016/17	950	534	1,484	2017/18	1,171	630	1,801			
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<p><b>2017/18</b></p>	<p>engaged. The terms of this exemption in the Freedom of Information Act mean that we do not have to consider whether or not it would be in the public interest for you to have the information.</p> <p><a href="https://ico.org.uk/media/for-organisations/documents/1213/personal-information-section-40-and-regulation-13-foia-and-eir-guidance.pdf">https://ico.org.uk/media/for-organisations/documents/1213/personal-information-section-40-and-regulation-13-foia-and-eir-guidance.pdf</a></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>The date each area of treatment covered by an Individual Funding Request stopped being commissioned locally, if the CCG ever commissioned that treatment.</b></li> </ul>	
<p><b>2014/15</b></p>	<p>The CCG can confirm that it does hold this information, but are exempting it under <a href="#">Section 21</a> Freedom of Information Act 2000 as it is reasonably accessible by other means. This is an absolute exemption.</p> <p>I have provided you with a link to our website which will provide you with this information:</p> <p><a href="http://www.fundingrequests.ccsu.nhs.uk/buckinghamshire/cosmetic-other-surgeries-devices-screening-diagnostics-and-other-therapies-policy-statements/">http://www.fundingrequests.ccsu.nhs.uk/buckinghamshire/cosmetic-other-surgeries-devices-screening-diagnostics-and-other-therapies-policy-statements/</a></p>
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***The information provided in this response is accurate as of 03 May 2018, and has been authorised for release by Robert Majilton, Deputy Chief Officer and Director of Sustainability & Transformation for NHS Buckinghamshire CCG.***