

**Reference:** FOI 30349 BUCKS 14Y

**Subject:** Exceptional Funding Requests

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

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MRI Scan	16
Out of Area Referral	15
Tonsillectomy	10
Varicose Veins	10
Abdominoplasty	6
*Small volume procedure	74
<b>2014/15</b>	
<b>Intervention</b>	<b>Received</b>
Benign skin lesions	145
Facet Joint Injections	79
Inguinal Hernia repair (elective surgery)	56
Breast surgery	48
Knee Arthroscopy	31
Varicose Veins Surgery	26
Assisted Conception	18
Tonsillectomy	15
Umbilical Hernia Repair	14
Knee joint primary replacement	13
Circumcision	11
Grommet Insertion	10
Labia Surgery	10
Ganglion	9
Carpal Tunnel Decompression	8
Cryopreservation of fertility	8
Facet Joint & Sacroiliac Injection	8

Pinnaplasty	8
Scar revision	7
Adenotonsillectomy	6
*Small volume procedure	123
<b>2015/16</b>	
<b>Intervention</b>	<b>Received</b>
Primary Knee Joint Replacement Surgery	456
Primary Hip Joint Replacement Surgery	373
Inguinal Hernia repair (elective surgery)	289
Benign skin lesions	187
Carpal Tunnel Decompression	175
Knee Arthroscopy	149
Tonsillectomy	104
Varicose Vein Surgery	91
Umbilical Hernia Repair	90
Grommet Insertion	87
Dupuytren's contracture	76
Circumcision	60
Facet Joint Injections	58
Bunion - Hallux Valgus	56
Breast surgery	51
Nerve Root Block	30
Trigger finger	28
Ganglion	22
Hip Arthroscopy	17
Assisted Conception	16

Cataract Surgery	16
Hysterectomy	15
Sacroiliac Joint Injection	14
Spinal surgery (spinal fusion or discectomy)	10
Labia Surgery	8
Pinnaplasty	8
Rhinoplasty	8
Adenoidectomy	7
Adenoidectomy and Grommet Insertion	7
Adenotonsillectomy	7
Eye surgery - cosmetic	7
Functional Endoscopic Sinus Surgery (FESS)	7
Hernia Surgery	7
Incisional Hernia	7
Spinal Decompression	7
Vasectomy	7
Cholecystectomy	6
Denervation to Sacroiliac Joint	6
*Small volume procedure	125
<b>2016/17</b>	
<b>Intervention</b>	<b>Received</b>
Primary Knee Joint Replacement Surgery	784
Primary Hip Joint Replacement Surgery	687
Inguinal Hernia repair (elective surgery)	528
Benign skin lesions	397
Carpal Tunnel Decompression	352

Varicose Vein Surgery	273
Circumcision	218
Tonsillectomy	194
Dupuytren's contracture	190
Knee Arthroscopy	149
Umbilical Hernia Repair	142
Hernia Surgery	138
Bunion - Hallux Valgus	135
Grommet Insertion	115
Sterilisation	82
Breast surgery	79
Ganglion	73
Cataract Surgery	50
Trigger finger	50
Vasectomy	46
Eye surgery - cosmetic	45
Facet Joint Injections	45
Hip Joint Revision Surgery	38
Hysterectomy	33
Knee Joint Revision Surgery	31
Hip Arthroscopy	22
Assisted Conception	21
Adenotonsillectomy	18
Incisional Hernia	17
Labia Surgery	13
Scar revision	13
Paraumbilical Hernia	12

Epigastric Hernia	10
Pinnaplasty	10
Adenoidectomy and Grommet Insertion	9
Uterine Artery Embolisation	9
Dilatation and curettage (D&C)	8
Excess Skin Removal	8
Nerve Root Block	8
Arthroscopic partial menisectomy	7
Patella Resurfacing	7
Septorhinoplasty	7
Abdominoplasty	6
Functional Endoscopic Sinus Surgery (FESS)	6
Primary Knee Joint Replacement with Patella Resurfacing	6
Steroid Injection - Hip	6
*Small volume procedure	162
<b>2017/18</b>	
<b>Intervention</b>	<b>Received</b>
Primary Knee Joint Replacement Surgery	946
Hernia Surgery	838
Primary Hip Joint Replacement Surgery	732
Benign skin lesions	524
Carpal Tunnel Decompression	321
Varicose Vein Surgery	230
Circumcision	201
Dupuytren's contracture	178
Tonsillectomy	169

Bunion - Hallux Valgus	101
Grommet Insertion	98
Knee Arthroscopy	97
Hysterectomy	78
Ganglion	69
Trigger finger	61
Sterilisation	59
Subacromial decompression of the Shoulder	57
Breast Surgery	43
Cataract Surgery	43
Vasectomy	38
Facet Joint Injections	37
Weight Management Service (Tier 3)	33
Eye surgery - cosmetic	32
Hip Joint Revision Surgery	32
Nerve Root Block	25
Spinal Injections	24
Knee Joint Revision Surgery	22
Adenotonsillectomy	20
Arthroscopic Lavage and Debridement for Osteoarthritis of the knee	18
Assisted Conception	16
Denervation to Facet Joints	16
Labia Surgery	16
Medial Branch Block	16
Hip Impingement	15
Scar revision	15
Functional Endoscopic Sinus Surgery (FESS)	13

Hip Arthroscopy	13
Spinal Decompression	13
Spinal surgery (spinal fusion or discectomy) for the treatment of chronic, non-specific low back pain.	13
Denervation to Sacroiliac Joint	10
Pinnaplasty	10
Eye Procedure	9
Primary Knee Joint Replacement with Patella Resurfacing	8
Transforaminal Epidural Injection	8
Adenoidectomy	7
Caudal Epidural Injections	7
Lumbar epidural	7
Consultant Opinion - Referral	6
MRI Scan - Open/Standing	6
Trigger Thumb	6
Uterine Artery Embolisation	6
*Small volume procedure	158
<b>2018/19</b>	
<b>Intervention</b>	<b>Received</b>
Hernia Surgery	988
Primary Knee Joint Replacement Surgery	956
Primary Hip Joint Replacement Surgery	807
Benign skin lesions	602
Carpal Tunnel Decompression	447
Circumcision	209
Varicose Vein Surgery	207
Knee Arthroscopy	206



Dupuytren's contracture	185
Tonsillectomy	176
Bunion - Hallux Valgus	131
Spinal Injections	106
Trigger finger	82
Ganglion	80
Spinal Procedure	77
Hysterectomy	72
Sterilisation	72
Eye Procedure	69
Management of Haemorrhoids	62
Grommet Insertion	61
Breast Surgery	52
Subacromial decompression of the Shoulder	49
Weight Management Service (Tier 3)	47
Eye Surgery - Cosmetic	40
Adenotonsillectomy	23
Scar revision	23
Vasectomy	19
Hip Joint Revision Surgery	18
Arthroscopic Lavage and Debridement for Osteoarthritis of the knee	15
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Primary Knee Joint Replacement Surgery	437
Primary Hip Joint Replacement Surgery	365
Inguinal Hernia repair (elective surgery)	271
Carpal Tunnel Decompression	167
Knee Arthroscopy	145
Benign skin lesions	128
Grommet Insertion	86
Umbilical Hernia Repair	84
Tonsillectomy	80
Dupuytren's contracture	73
Varicose Vein Surgery	72

Circumcision	53
Bunion - Hallux Valgus	47
Trigger finger	26
Breast surgery	17
Hip Arthroscopy	17
Hysterectomy	13
Facet Joint Injections	12
Ganglion	10
Nerve Root Block	10
Spinal surgery (spinal fusion or discectomy) for the treatment of chronic, non-specific low back pain.	9
Cataract Surgery	8
Excision Sebaceous Cyst	8
Adenoidectomy	7
Adenotonsillectomy	7
Functional Endoscopic Sinus Surgery (FESS)	7
Spinal Decompression	7
Adenoidectomy and Grommet Insertion	6
Cholecystectomy	6
Hernia Surgery	6
Incisional Hernia	6
Rhinoplasty	6
*Small volume procedure	96
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Primary Knee Joint Replacement Surgery	713
Primary Hip Joint Replacement Surgery	651

Inguinal Hernia repair (elective surgery)	464
Carpal Tunnel Decompression	326
Circumcision	178
Varicose Vein Surgery	170
Benign skin lesions	167
Dupuytren's contracture	167
Umbilical Hernia Repair	130
Knee Arthroscopy	127
Tonsillectomy	123
Bunion - Hallux Valgus	108
Hernia Surgery	108
Grommet Insertion	106
Sterilisation	67
Ganglion	46
Trigger finger	45
Cyst	36
Hip Joint Revision Surgery	35
Hysterectomy	30
Knee Joint Revision Surgery	25
Eye surgery - cosmetic	19
Hip Arthroscopy	18
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Patella Resurfacing	6
Primary Knee Joint Replacement with Patella Resurfacing	6
Steroid Injection - Hip	6
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Dilatation and curettage (D&C)	5
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Primary Knee Joint Replacement Surgery	897
Primary Hip Joint Replacement Surgery	709
Hernia Surgery	685
Carpal Tunnel Decompression	310
Benign skin lesions	247
Dupuytren's contracture	164
Circumcision	158
Varicose Vein Surgery	147
Tonsillectomy	103
Grommet Insertion	91
Knee Arthroscopy	89
Bunion - Hallux Valgus	80
Hysterectomy	69
Trigger finger	59

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	Ganglion	42
	Subacromial decompression of the Shoulder	41
	Hip Joint Revision Surgery	28
	Weight Management Service (Tier 3)	25
	Adenotonsillectomy	17
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	Cataract Surgery	8
	Breast Surgery	7
	Primary Knee Joint Replacement with Patella Resurfacing	7
	Transforaminal Epidural Injection	7
	Uterine Artery Embolisation	6
	*Small volume procedure	114
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Primary Knee Joint Replacement Surgery	850
Hernia Surgery	799
Primary Hip Joint Replacement Surgery	757
Carpal Tunnel Decompression	439
Benign skin lesions	243
Circumcision	177
Dupuytren's contracture	177
Knee Arthroscopy	175
Varicose Vein Surgery	111
Bunion - Hallux Valgus	101
Tonsillectomy	80
Trigger finger	76
Hysterectomy	58
Ganglion	51
Grommet Insertion	48
Spinal Procedure	47
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	Breast Surgery	9
	Hip Arthroscopy	9
	Foot and Ankle Surgery	8
	Vasectomy	8
	Hip Impingement	7
	*Small volume procedure	75

\*The IFR Service does not report on numbers where there are 5 or fewer cases. These are referred to as small volume procedures. This is to comply with data protection and GDPR.

***The information provided in this response is accurate as of 12 April 2019, and has been authorised for release by Robert Majilton, Deputy Chief Officer and Director of Sustainability & Transformation for NHS Buckinghamshire CCG.***