

Reference: FOI 30392 BUCKS 14Y

Subject: IFR

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

QUESTION	RESPONSE
<p>1. Do you have an official policy on dealing with individual funding requests and if so, will you share it?</p>	<p>*Sec 21 The CCG can confirm that it does hold this information, but are exempting it under Section 21 Freedom of Information Act 2000 as it is reasonably accessible by other means. This is an absolute exemption. https://ico.org.uk/media/for-organisations/documents/1203/information-reasonably-accessible-to-the-applicant-by-other-means-sec21.pdf</p> <p>I have provided you with a link to our website which will provide you with this information: http://www.fundingrequests.ccsu.nhs.uk/buckinghamshire/ http://www.fundingrequests.ccsu.nhs.uk/buckinghamshire/cosmetic-other-surgeries-devices-screening-diagnostics-and-other-therapies-policy-statements/</p>

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<p>5. Can you provide a list of the treatments that have been funded through an individual funding request?</p>	<p>IFR Service does not hold this information as funding is approved against policy compliance rather than the treatment modality as determined by the Consultant. Policies are available on the website: http://www.fundingrequests.ccsu.nhs.uk/buckinghamshire/cosmetic-other-surgeries-devices-screening-diagnostics-and-other-therapies-policy-statements/</p>												

<p>6. Can you provide a list of the treatments that have been declined following an individual funding request?</p>	<p>IFR Service does not hold this information as funding is declined against policy compliance rather than the treatment modality as determined by the Consultant. Policies are available on the website: http://www.fundingrequests.ccsu.nhs.uk/buckinghamshire/cosmetic-other-surgeries-devices-screening-diagnostics-and-other-therapies-policy-statements/</p>
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The information provided in this response is accurate as of 15 April 2019, and has been authorised for release by Robert Majilton, Deputy Chief Officer and Director of Sustainability & Transformation for NHS Buckinghamshire CCG.