

Ref: FOI/00469/CMICB
24 July 2023

Dear,

**Re: Freedom of Information Act 2000
Body Contouring Surgery Individual Funding Requests**

Thank you for your information request indicated in bold below, which has now been considered under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 by NHS Cheshire & Merseyside Integrated Care Board (ICB). I am able to provide you with the following information and responses.

Please note from 01 July 2022, Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) were disestablished, and their statutory functions and responsibilities inherited by NHS Cheshire and Merseyside ICB.

Your Request:

Please can you provide the number of individual funding requests made that were either approved, not approved, redirected, rejected or withdrawn in each of the following financial years: 2018/19, 2019/20, 2020/21, 2021/22 and 2022/23, relating to body contouring surgery.

Can you please provide the information broken down by procedure/treatment to include: Abdominoplasty, Abdominolipectomy, Apronectomy, Abdominal repair and reconstruction, Panniculectomy, Brachioplasty, Buttock Lift, Thigh Lift.

Our Response:

Please find enclosed '[FOI00469 Table](#)' which details the information held on the number of Individual Funding Requests (IFRs) received during the 2018/19 to 2022/23 financial years relating to body contouring surgery by the former CCGs (up until 30 June 2022) and by NHS Cheshire & Merseyside ICB (from 01 July 2022 onwards).

Should you require any further information or clarification regarding this response or do not feel that your request has been answered as you would expect, please contact us to discuss.

We also wish to take this opportunity to inform you that, where you are not satisfied with the response to your request for information, a formal complaints and internal review process is available.

This can be formally requested by emailing foi@cheshireandmerseyside.nhs.uk and must be done within a reasonable time period (3 calendar months) from the date this response was issued.

Where you remain dissatisfied with our review under the Freedom of Information Act or the Environmental Information Regulations, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioners Office (ICO) for a review of your appeal decision. Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted our complaints procedure. The ICO can be contacted at;

The Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF
www.ico.gov.uk

Should you need any further clarification or assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us quoting the above FOI reference.

Body Contouring C&M 2018/2019 to 2022/2023

Data included

Data extracted from Datix case management system on 04/07/2023

Data Includes all records received and at the stage of closure from 01/04/2018 to 31/03/2023

Treatments searched: Abdominoplasty , Liposuction / Lipectomy , Apronectomy , Body Contouring Surgery , Panniculectomy , Brachioplasty , Buttock Lift , Thigh Lift

Caveats

Request asked for information on Abdominolipectomy. We record these as Liposuction/Lipectomy.

Requests for Liposuction/Lipectomy to relieve the symptoms of lymphoedema (ie. not body contouring requests) are not included in these figures.

Where multiple areas of treatment are requested for one patient at the same time, these requests are rec

The CCG to ICB changeover occurred on 1st July 2022.

The ICB places appear at the bottom of the table collated by ICB Place.

Table Of Results

Treatment Requested (for all CCG / ICB Place)	2018/19				
	Approved	Not Approved	Redirected	Rejected	Total
Abdominoplasty	2	27	1	1	31
Apronectomy	1	5	0	0	6
Body Contouring Surgery	0	0	0	0	0
Brachioplasty	0	2	0	0	2
Liposuction/Lipectomy	1	3	0	0	4
Panniculectomy	0	0	0	0	0
Thigh Lift	0	0	0	0	0
Grand Total	4	37	1	1	43

Treatment Requested (for all CCG / ICB Place)	2019/20				
	Approved	Not Approved	Redirected	Rejected	Total
Abdominoplasty	3	28	0	0	31
Apronectomy	1	14	0	0	15
Body Contouring Surgery	0	1	0	0	1
Brachioplasty	0	3	0	0	3
Liposuction/Lipectomy	0	2	0	0	2
Panniculectomy	1	2	0	0	3
Thigh Lift	1	1	0	0	2
Grand Total	6	51	0	0	57

Treatment Requested (for all CCG / ICB Place)	2020/21				
	Approved	Not Approved	Redirected	Rejected	Total
Abdominoplasty	0	7	0	0	7
Apronectomy	2	6	0	0	8
Body Contouring Surgery	0	0	0	0	0
Brachioplasty	0	0	0	0	0
Liposuction/Lipectomy	0	0	0	0	0
Panniculectomy	0	0	0	0	0
Thigh Lift	0	0	0	0	0
Grand Total	2	13	0	0	15

Treatment Requested (for all CCG / ICB Place)	2021/22				
	Approved	Not Approved	Redirected	Rejected	Total
Abdominoplasty	0	8	0	0	8
Apronectomy	0	9	0	1	10
Body Contouring Surgery	0	1	0	0	1
Brachioplasty	0	0	0	0	0
Liposuction/Lipectomy	0	4	0	0	4
Panniculectomy	0	0	0	0	0
Thigh Lift	0	0	0	0	0
Grand Total	0	22	0	1	23

Treatment Requested (for all CCG / ICB Place)	2022/23				
	Approved	Not Approved	Redirected	Rejected	Total
Abdominoplasty	0	22	0	1	23
Apronectomy	0	11	0	0	11
Body Contouring Surgery	0	0	0	0	0
Brachioplasty	0	1	0	0	1
Liposuction/Lipectomy	1	4	0	0	5
Panniculectomy	0	0	0	0	0
Thigh Lift	0	0	0	0	0
Grand Total	1	38	0	1	40