

FOI REQUEST FOR ARTHROPLASTY REFERRALS ACROSS ENGLISH CCGS

WEST SUFFOLK HOSPITAL

ortho consultant | dept of T&O |
Bury St Edmunds

1st November 2016

Dear Sir/ Madam

The orthopaedic research group of the West Suffolk Hospital are assessing what the varying national criteria are before referral to an orthopaedic arthroplasty specialist.

As of today (1st November 2016) we ask you to fill in the information below to the best of your abilities.

We are requesting this information under the Freedom of Information Act of 2000.

Under the requirements, we would appreciate that information to be completed and sent back by 20 days after receipt. |

contact details are available on this form.
Sincerely,

**foi request for arthroplasty referrals across
english CCGs**

CONTACT:

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HIP ARTHROPLASTY QUESTIONS

As of the 1st November 2016, for your referral for Total HIP Replacement –

NICE states in TAG 304 that THA is appropriate for end stage arthritis – BUT that prior to this, conservative management must be tried –

MUST PATIENTS HAVE TO GO THROUGH A STRUCTURED PHYSIO PATHWAY BEFORE REFERRAL?

NO

IS THERE A CRITERIA BASED REFERRAL SYSTEM BEFORE REFERRAL?

YES

IF SO, IS THERE A MINIMUM AMOUNT OF TIME THEY MUST ATTEND THE PATHWAY?

NO

HOW MUCH TIME.....

IS THERE A BMI LIMIT UNDER WHICH PATIENTS MUST LIE BEFORE YOU REFER TO A SPECIALIST –

NO

IF SO, WHAT IS THAT BMI LIMIT?

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MUST A WEIGHT LOSS PROGRAMME BE COMPLETED BEFORE FUNDING CAN BE COMMISSIONED FOR THOSE WHO FALL OUTSIDE OF THE BMI LIMIT?

NO

DOES COMPLETION OF THE WEIGHT LOSS PROGRAMME ALLOW THE PATIENT TO BE COMMISSIONED FOR FUNDING (irrespective of SUCCESSFUL weight loss)?

NO

IS THERE A MECHNAISM TO BYPASS THE BMI LIMIT/ PHYSIO PATHWAY REFERRAL FOR THE REFERRING GP/ ACCEPTING ORTHOPAEDIC SURGEON TO GAIN FUNDING IF IT IS NECESSARY TO OPERATE ON A PATIENT WHO MAY LOSE THEIR INDEPENDENCE?

YES

IS EVIDENCE SMOKING A RESTRICTION TO FUNDING OF AN ARTHROPLASTY?

DOES THE PATIENT HAVE TO HAVE A SUBJECTIVE PAIN HIP SCORE (OR ALTERNATIVE eg OXFORD) BELOW A THRESHOLD BEFORE REFERRAL CAN BE MADE?

NO

SCORING MECHANISM..... MINIMUM SCORE.....

KNEE ARTHROPLASTY REFERRALS

As of the 1st November 2016, for your referral for Total KNEE Replacement –

NICE states in TAG 304 that TKA is appropriate for end stage arthritis – BUT that prior to this, conservative management must be tried –

MUST PATIENTS HAVE TO GO THROUGH A STRUCTURED PHYSIO PATHWAY BEFORE REFERRAL?

NO

IS THERE A CRITERIA BASED REFERRAL SYSTEM BEFORE REFERRAL?

YES

IF SO, IS THERE A MINIMUM AMOUNT OF TIME THEY MUST ATTEND THE PATHWAY?

NO

HOW MUCH TIME.....

IS THERE A BMI LIMIT UNDER WHICH PATIENTS MUST LIE BEFORE YOU REFER TO A SPECIALIST –

YES

IF SO, WHAT IS THAT BMI LIMIT?

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MUST A WEIGHT LOSS PROGRAMME BE COMPLETED BEFORE FUNDING CAN BE COMMISSIONED FOR THOSE WHO FALL OUTSIDE OF THE BMI LIMIT?

NO

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NO

IS THERE A MECHNAISM TO BYPASS THE BMI LIMIT/ PHYSIO PATHWAY REFERRAL FOR THE REFERRING GP/ ACCEPTING ORTHOPAEDIC SURGEON TO GAIN FUNDING IF IT IS NECESSARY TO OPERATE ON A PATIENT WHO MAY LOSE THEIR INDEPENDENCE?

YES

IS EVIDENCE SMOKING A RESTRICTION TO FUNDING OF AN ARTHROPLASTY? **NO**

DOES THE PATIENT HAVE TO HAVE A SUBJECTIVE PAIN KNEE SCORE (OR ALTERNATIVE eg OXFORD) BELOW A THRESHOLD BEFORE REFERRAL CAN BE MADE?

NO

SCORING MECHANISM..... MINIMUM SCORE.....