

Freedom of Information Act Request

Under the Freedom of Information Act, I would like to request the following information:

For each of the questions below, please provide any relevant policies and information regarding how long the policy has been in place and/or if a policy is being planned or considered or is potentially changing in the future.

1. Is there a time/number of procedure limit for reconstructive breast procedures following breast cancer (including revision procedures) in your CCG?

2. Is there availability/funding for breast surgery on the contralateral breast (the breast without breast cancer) for means of providing symmetry to any planned reconstructive procedure of the breast with breast cancer? If so, is there a time/number of procedure limit for this type of surgery?

Doncaster and Bassetlaw Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust (DBTH) is a provider organisation and does not hold the commissioning or funding policies related to eligibility or limits for reconstructive breast surgery. These decisions are determined by the local Integrated Care Board (ICB), which is responsible for setting and managing policies for access to NHS-funded procedures in the area.

We recommend that you direct your request to the relevant commissioning body:

NHS South Yorkshire Integrated Care Board (ICB)

Email: syicb.foi@nhs.net

Website: <https://southyorkshire.icb.nhs.uk>

They will be able to provide:

- The relevant clinical commissioning or funding policies,
- Any procedural limits,
- Criteria for contralateral symmetry surgery, and
- Whether such policies are currently in place, under review, or subject to change.

If you require further clarification regarding the Trust's role in delivering breast surgery in line with ICB policies, we would be happy to assist.

If you are not satisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to request an internal review. Requests for an internal review should be submitted within 40 working days from the date of this response, and should be addressed to

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If you remain dissatisfied after the internal review, you have the right to appeal to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO). The ICO can be contacted at:

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Wycliffe House
Water Lane
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Cheshire
SK9 5AF
Tel: 0303 123 1113
Website: <https://ico.org.uk/make-a-complaint/>