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## **Re: Freedom of Information Request**

Please find below the response to your recent Freedom of Information request regarding the funding of metal on metal hip resurfacing procedures within NHS South Sefton CCG.

### Request/[Response](#):

I would like to know if you currently fund metal on metal hip resurfacing procedures (either routinely or if a specific request for funding is made)?

NHS South Sefton CCG commissions hip replacement services from providers using the NHS Standard Contract. This contract requires providers to comply with relevant requirements. The local Commissioning Policy references that CCGs fund hip resurfacing for those who otherwise “qualify” for primary total hip replacement, but are likely to outlive conventional primary hip replacements as restricted by NICE Guidance Hip disease - metal on metal hip resurfacing (TA44).

If so, do you provide additional funding for follow up, compared to a standard total hip replacement, to cover the additional follow-up requirements for these implants as per the MHRA guidance of 29/6/17?

Where a patient has had a metal on metal replacement, the CCG will fund the required follow up appointments at NHS standard tariff.