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Re: Freedom of Information Request

Please find below the response to your recent Freedom of Information request regarding NHS Wig Provision for Dermatology Patients including those with alopecia and other dermatology conditions which cause hair loss within NHS South Sefton CCG.

Request/[Response](#):

Please provide details of your CCG's NHS wig provision policy for dermatology patients, including those with alopecia and other dermatology conditions which cause hair loss. I would assume that a wig policy would include such information as:

- Details of the number of wigs that dermatology patients can obtain via a NHS wig prescription including details of the type of wig allowed, whether a monetary value is placed on allowance, any limitations/timescales.
- Can people with all types of alopecia obtain a wig via a prescription? i.e can androgenetic and scarring alopecia patients obtain a prescription or is one offered just to those with alopecia areata?
- If wig prescriptions are only offered to those with a certain severity of hair loss, what extent of the head needs to be affected for a prescription to be offered?
- Are prescriptions for human hair wigs ever offered?
- What is the annual CCG budget for wigs?
- Does the annual CCG budget for wigs include wigs for oncology patients as well as dermatology patients? Or are there separate budgets? If so, please provide details of both.
- Do patients have a choice as to a supplier to take their wig prescription?

Chair: Dr Craig Gillespie
Chief Officer: Fiona Clark

- If a choice of supplier is provided, please confirm the number of choices patients receive and the names and addresses of the NHS approved suppliers.

NHS South Sefton CCG does not have a policy to cover Wig Provision for Dermatology Patients including those with alopecia and other dermatology conditions which cause hair loss. This is managed by University Hospital Aintree NHS Foundation Trust.

Please redirect your query to:-

FOIrequests@aintree.nhs.uk.