

## **Freedom of Information Request: Our Reference CTHB\_156\_17**

### **You asked:**

I am hoping to gain some information in regards to Facial Palsy Treatments throughout the UK. It has become apparent that though some patients are having surgical treatment on the NHS others are having to apply for funding on an individual basis.

With this in mind I hope to ask all groups responsible for funding in England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland via the freedom of information act whether certain procedures are freely available or whether they are funded on an individual basis and if they are not funded, for what reason?

With this in mind please could you answer the following for your area:

Which of these procedures do you offer freely and which on an individual basis for those patients with facial palsy?

- 1) Botox injections for synkinesis or facial asymmetry
- 2) Static Therapies (4 procedures)
  - i. Browlift
  - ii. canthopexy/ canthoplasty
  - iii. static facial slings
  - iv. face lifts
- 3) Dynamic Therapies: (2 procedures)
  - i. sliding temporalis myoplasty
  - ii. cross facial nerve graft and free muscle transfer (facial reanimation)
- 4) If you only offer these on an individual evaluated basis why is this?

### **Our response:**

The information that you have requested is held by the Welsh Health Specialised Services Committee (WHSSC).

Your request therefore would need to be redirected to WHSSC.

Their contact details can be found via the following link:

<http://www.wales.nhs.uk/sites3/page.cfm?orgid=898&pid=46654>