

Freedom of Information Request: Our Reference CTHB_61_19

You asked:

Can you please tell me how many lipoedema surgeons there are in Wales that are qualified to carry out micro cannula tumescent liposuction on lipoedema patients.

Please provide names and which hospitals they work in?

If there are NO qualified lipoedema surgeon in Wales that are qualified to carry out micro cannula tumescent liposuction on lipoedema patients then please just state this.

Dr Munnoch is the one and only surgeon that is qualified to do this surgery in Scotland, i am trying to establish if Wales is the same with just one qualified surgeon or if we don't even have that.

If it is true that there are NO qualified lipoedema surgeons in wales then can you please provide instead copies of any proposals that look to rectify the situation

Our response:

I can confirm that there are no lipoedema consultants who undertake liposuction within Cwm Taf University Health Board. Instead, liposuction falls within the commissioning responsibility of the Welsh Health Specialised Services Committee (WHSSC). Within NHS Wales, the All Wales Body Contouring policy outlines the indications for which liposuction is available to Welsh patients and is subject to strict clinical access criteria.

As this falls outside services Cwm Taf University Health Board commission, it is felt your request is best directed to the [Welsh Health Specialised Services Committee](#) (WHSSC) who are responsible for commissioning liposuction for Welsh residents.

Their contact details can be found via the following link:

<http://www.whssc.wales.nhs.uk/contact-us>