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Response Due: 30th July 2025

Date: 29th July 2025

Dear Sir/Madam

With reference to your request for information received on 2nd July 2025, I can confirm in accordance with Section 1 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 that we do hold the information you have requested. A response to each part of your request is provided below.

In your request you asked:

The current NHS payment guidance stipulates the payment of a Best Practice tariff for Primary hip and Knee replacement outcomes. Tariff is automated at the level that assumes that the tariff is achieved for the following HRGs at the following levels for the financial year 2025/26.

HRG code	HRG name	Best practice tariff: Elective tariff (£)	Non-best practice tariff: Elective tariff (£)
HN12E	Very Major Hip Procedures for Non-Trauma with CC Score 2-3	7,440	6,696
HN12F	Very Major Hip Procedures for Non-Trauma with CC Score 0-1	7,204	6,483
HN22D	Very Major Knee Procedures for Non-Trauma with CC Score 2-3	7,529	6,776
HN22E	Very Major Knee Procedures for Non-Trauma with CC Score 0-1	7,175	6,458

Consider the financial year 2024/25 please answer the following questions:

1. Did your commissioners withhold or claw back any part of the best practice tariff during the financial year?

No. Best practice tariff is excluded from ERF and thus is built into our block payments at historical levels.

2. If there was withheld or clawed back payment:

- a. How much did this amount to for the financial year 2024/25.
- b. What was the stated reason for this action? Specifically, which of the stated metrics in the guidance were not achieved resulting in non-payment.

N/A.

If you are not entirely satisfied with this response, please do not hesitate to contact the Information Governance Department via the email address provided. If we do not hear from you within 40 days, we will assume that we have been able to accommodate your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Yours sincerely,



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