

Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request Reference FoI/23/629
Surgery Funding Arrangements

Information Requested:

Can you advise if a person living in Wales who previously had surgery in England and now has developed complications from that surgery can request to be referred back to the original surgeon in an NHS England hospital or indeed any NHS England hospital for investigation and potential treatment? If so what are the the funding arrangements?

Response Details:

We would expect people who are ordinarily resident within Cardiff and the Vale of Glamorgan to be referred in to our comprehensive local services in the first instance. If the required treatment is not available locally, or there is a clinical reason why the patient should be treated in another NHS facility, then the patient's clinician can apply for approval and funding for the patient to be treated elsewhere. Please note that these situations are dependent on context and circumstance. This is managed under the All Wales Prior Approval Policy.

Please also see the following link which you might find of use: [NHS Wales Prior Approval Policy: IPFR](#).