

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 1st FEBRUARY 2011**

Question

Will the Minister produce a list of all those “non-urgent” operations which have been cancelled or otherwise postponed following the results of the CSR or because of staff shortages?

Answer

No operations have been cancelled or postponed as a result of the CSR process or staff shortages.

13 operations were rescheduled in early January as a result of pressures with the hospital created by an increase in patients with flu and respiratory problems. Operations were rescheduled in order of clinical priority

HSSD are currently considering how best to provide procedures that are of low clinical value in the future. Outline information about such procedures is attached (Appendix A).

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LOW CLINICAL VALUE PROCEDURES

The draft information provided is based on NHS Trust summary guidance (2008). It provides examples of low priority or clinical value procedures that HSSD is considering how to manage in future/

1. Background

Detailed in Section 2 below are a range of procedures considered in the UK to potentially be of low clinical value, depending on the needs of the individual client and the benefit to their health and well-being.

PCTs and NHS Trusts have established thresholds for the assessment of clinical value on a case-by-case basis plus a system of PIN Panels (Patients with Individual Needs).

2. Procedures

Low clinical value procedures fall into 2 categories:

- low priority procedures
- clinical effectiveness procedures

Depending on an assessment against thresholds and authorisation from PIN Panels, the following low priority or clinical effectiveness procedures might be considered to be of low clinical value in some circumstances.

Low priority procedures could, in some circumstances, include:

1. Aromatherapy
2. Body Contouring
3. Brachioplasty / Upper Arm Lift
4. Breast Augmentation
5. Breast Reduction
6. Brow Lift
7. Buttock Lift
8. Calf Implants
9. Chemical Peels
10. Dermabrasion of Skin
11. Gender Reassignment Procedures
12. Liposuction
13. Penile Implants
14. Tattoing of Skin
15. Tattoo Removal
16. Thigh Lift

CLINICAL EFFECTIVENESS PROCEDURES could, in some circumstances, include:

1. Grommets
3. Tonsillectomy for adults and children
4. Carpal Tunnel Syndrome
6. Ganglion of the wrist
7. Trigger Finger