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## Re: Freedom of Information Request

Please find below the response to your recent Freedom of Information request regarding policies for treatment within NHS Southport and Formby CCG.

### Request/Response:

1. Please could you send us your current policies for treatment (surgical and/or injection) of base of thumb arthritis including any funding criteria.

NHS Southport and Formby CCGs "Criteria Based Clinical Treatments" does not specifically refer to base of thumb arthritis. The CCGs policy states that Injections are "not routinely commissioned" for peripheral joint pain and are not offered for the management of osteoarthritis.

2. Please could you send us any older policies including funding criteria for treatment of base of thumb arthritis from 1998 to present day.

The current policy above has been in place since 1.4.2018  
The previous policy also does not specifically refer to base of thumb arthritis and also states that Injections are "not routinely commissioned" for peripheral joint pain.

3. If not included in the policy what criteria is used to categorise severity of base of thumb arthritis into mild moderate or severe.

It would be expected that secondary care consultants would apply appropriate clinical criteria in cases such as this.