

**Ref: CCG December 02 2016**

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20th December 2016,

Dear Mr Marwick,

**Re: Freedom of Information Request**

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request that we received on 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2016, with regards to procurement processes.

Request/**Response**

1) What criteria do patients need to meet in order to be referred for bariatric surgery in your Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) area?

**See link:**

<http://www.aintreehospital.nhs.uk/our-services/a-z-of-services/weight-management/aintree-specialist-weight-management-service/referral-information/>

2) Will these criteria change or stay the same going forwards into financial year 2017?

***The criteria currently under review from a North West Bariatric Service Working Group – any changes would come be recommended from this group.***

3) If they change what will the new criteria be?

***Not yet aware***

4) Will your CCG's 2017 bariatric surgery criteria be in line with the National Institute for Health Care Excellence (NICE's) latest clinical and quality standard guidelines for bariatric surgery?

**Yes**

5) If any, what additional criteria will patients in your CCG's area have to meet in order to be referred for bariatric surgery over and above those set out in the NICE quality standards?

***Please see link above.***

5) Does your CCG fund tier 3 weight loss programmes within the area?

**Yes**

6) How many patients were referred by your CCG for bariatric surgery in the last financial year (year end 2015)?

***Liverpool Clinical Commissioning Group cannot answer this question as we do not hold this information.***

***We suggest you redirect this question to NHS England:  
[england.contactus@nhs.net](mailto:england.contactus@nhs.net)***

7) How many have you referred to date in 2016?

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8) Does your CCG keep records as to how many of the patients referred for bariatric have type 2 diabetes? If these are recorded can you please supply figures for year end 2015 and to date 2016?

***Liverpool Clinical Commissioning Group do not hold this information, we suggest you direct this element of your request to our main provider:***

***1. The Royal Liverpool & Broadgreen University Hospitals NHS Trust***

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Should you require any further information, clarification regarding this response or do not feel that your request has been answered as you would expect, please contact us to discuss.

Yours sincerely,

**Customer Relations Lead**  
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