

**Ref: CCG 40380**

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**Re: Freedom of Information Request**

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request that we received on 14<sup>th</sup> August, with regards to Bariatric surgery.

Request/**Response**

1. What Criteria, if any, has been stipulated by your CCG in relation to the provision of bariatric surgery? (e.g. surgery restricted to BMI over 45 and/or other comorbidities, surgery only for those with BMI over 50)
2. When was the criteria introduced?
3. How many patients have been refused bariatric surgery since the criteria was introduced?
4. How many patients have received bariatric surgery since the criteria was introduced and how much has this cost the CCG?

**Response:**

**We are unable to provide you with the information you have requested under section 1 (1)(a) of the Freedom of Information Act as we do not hold the information you have requested. This is because the Cheshire and Merseyside CCGs have only recently started to commission bariatric surgery so therefore we do not hold the data requested.**

**NHS England is the current commissioner of Primary Care and as such you will need to redirect your enquiry to their Customer Contact Centre and their details are as follows:**

**NHS England  
Customer Contact Centre  
P.O. Box 16738  
Redditch  
B97 9PT**

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The ICO can be contacted at:

Information Commissioners Office  
Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
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Cheshire  
SK9 5AF  
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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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