

**Ref: CCG 40340**

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**Re: Freedom of Information Request**

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request that we received on 11<sup>th</sup> August, with regards to BMI restrictions for surgery.

**Request**

1. Do you, or have you at any point since 2010, employed a maximum BMI limit above which someone is not allowed to have a procedure? (please specify whether still in force and, if not, when it was introduced and ended)
2. What is the BMI limit?
3. To which procedure does this apply (for example, routine hip and knee surgery, breast reduction, cataract removal)-please list all types of procedure where a BMI limit is in force.
4. How many people have been stopped from having a procedure because their BMI was too high since the restriction came into force? Please also break this information down by calendar year.

**Response:**

In response to questions 1, 2 and 3, you can find the information you have requested from our Commissioning Policy and Infertility Policy about BMI restrictions from the links below.

<http://www.liverpoolccg.nhs.uk/media/1735/final-liverpool-ccg-commissioning-policy-13-05-2015-for-website.pdf>

<http://www.liverpoolccg.nhs.uk/media/1025/final-infertility-policy-26022015-1.pdf>

With regards to question 4, we do not hold the information you have requested.

Please note that our response is from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2013 onwards as this is the date the CCG became a statutory body.

We wish to take this opportunity to inform you that a formal complaints and internal review procedure is available to applicants who are unhappy with responses provided to FOI requests. You can formally request an internal review within a reasonable period of time (2 calendar months) from the date this response was issued.

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The ICO can be contacted at:

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Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
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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,

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